**Principal’s Report**

We have all enjoyed some marvellous extracurricular school activities over the past 2 weeks. I would like to sincerely thank all the staff and students involved in the brilliant opportunities that were offered to our students.

These included a Year 8 Boys and Year 8 Girls Day, the Fun with Food class making delicious sausage rolls for our consumption, the Fashionista Sista program for Year 10 and an amazing Carnival organised by the business management students and their teachers. Other events comprised of an outstanding variety of activities to help children value and develop friendships, musical performances by our stage band and the choir, and we also enjoyed the opening week of heats in the school talent competition.

Thanks to the prefects and our wonderful staff for organising these great activities!

In the middle of all this, we also conducted the NAPLAN tests for all Year 7 and 9 students. Interschool sport continues with netball, AFL and soccer competitions and a very successful SEAL parent information evening was held.

The **FIRST Robotics Competition** was recently held in Honolulu and was supported by two of our students: Chao Yang Tan and Patrick Leung-Chee-Hang. Each year the FIRST organisation, based in the US, runs multiple competitions, each aimed at giving students an opportunity to work on real world engineering projects, and inspiring them to pursue careers in the fields of science and technology.

Chao Yang and Patrick joined students from five other schools that required the team to design, build and program a robot that could load and shoot Frisbees in a unique sporting challenge. As a rookie group, **Team Melbourne** came 25th out of 37 teams and was the second highest scoring rookie team at this event. Chao Yang and Patrick should be very proud of their achievement.

Over the next few weeks, our senior students will have exams and also the GAT test will be held. I sincerely hope that all students are remaining very focused and are doing a lot of study in preparation for these exams.

*Mrs Kate Mitchell, Principal*
Senior Boys Soccer

On Thursday 16th May, the senior boys’ soccer team competed in a round robin competition at Darebin State Soccer Centre. The boys, playing with discipline, determination and some individual flair, won 1, drew 1 and lost 2.

All players are to be congratulated for the way they played this ‘beautiful game’ in a spirit of fairness and cordiality. Unfortunately, we lost our star forward, Alex Bayani-Harvey, almost in the first minute of play after a not-overly aggressive tackle lead to Alex falling awkwardly and damaging his ankle.

Best on ground was Will Taylor, the everywhere man, who exhibited some finely honed skills and tremendous energy.

Andy Nguyen, a fine captain, marshalled his players with fairness and firmness and was also tireless in defence.

Full Team: Drew Ashton, Alex Bayani-Harvey, Will Croucher, Jack Deng, Hansen Han, Oliver Kearsley, Lachlan Lim, Andy Nguyen, Calvin So, Aiden Swift, Will Taylor, Brian Tu, Callum Waters, David Zhang.

Mr Alan Whittaker

Safely crossing the roads

It has come to my attention that a number of students are crossing Whitehorse and Middleborough Roads illegally and dangerously, in order to go to and from the bus stop on the North side of Whitehorse Road and Laburnum Station.

Usually, this is to avoid walking to the Whitehorse/Middleborough intersection to use the traffic lights safely or to avoid the extra few meters to use the underpass to Laburnum Station.

Students are putting themselves and others at risk. Students are not to take these dangerous shortcuts anymore. I would appreciate parent/guardian support in this. Please discuss with your children as soon as practicable.

Mr Neil Davis, Assistant Principal

Congratulations to past student Alex Giddings

Past student, Alex Giddings, has been nominated for inclusion in the 2012 Deans Honours List at Melbourne University. The Dean’s Honours List recognises the highest achieving student in the Faculty of Arts and the Graduated School of Humanities and Social Sciences. Congratulations Alex and good luck!

Tile Painting for Whitehorse Aquatic Complex Mural

It was a fantastic day on Monday 20th May for two Year 7 and 8 Art classes, as they were chosen to help paint tiles for the brand new multi-million dollar Whitehorse Aquatic Complex. When put together, the tiles will make a big picture when you look at it from afar, but, as you get closer, the tiles show individual details about the complex.

Kathy from the Box Hill Art Centre kindly took time out of her day to bring all of the tiles down for this spectacular display.

Taylor W. 8A
Debating

Now that the Union bans have been lifted, Debating is back on at Box Hill High! As we were unable to join the Debating Association of Victoria’s School Competition mid-season, the debates are “in-house” in preparation for next year’s competition.

The Debating Group’s first meeting was on Monday 13 May. Many eager veterans and novices were in attendance. Debating is a discipline which demands a high degree of commitment, organisation and co-operative teamwork. The rewards are endless, from improving your verbal communication to developing your critical thinking and socialisation skills.

The debating meetings are run after school on Mondays in the Library between 3 and 4pm during the term. If you are interested in learning the art of debating or would like to attend one of our battle rounds, please feel free to drop in and take a look!

Ms Wendy Grant, Debating Coordinator

‘Boy Overboard’ displays now in the library

The Research Centre is very pleased to be hosting a display of collages by 7E, on the theme of Refugees & Asylum Seekers. Teacher, Ms Rose Dalgarno was so impressed by the quality of work made by her students, after reading their class novel, Boy Overboard by Morris Gleitzman, that she asked the library to help display these wonderful posters.

As a response to the novel, which tells the story of Jamal & his family who risk everything to get to Australia on a boat, their collages evocatively describe the terror, hope and fear which must accompany every refugee on their journey to safety. They make a great display, with the addition of the many novels and picture books which we now hold centred on this theme. Please feel free to come & see them in our fiction area.

Ms Dee McQueen, Librarian

Head lice alert

It has come to our attention that some students in the school may have head lice and we seek your cooperation in checking your child’s hair this week.

Head lice do not transmit infectious diseases – they are transmitted by having head to head contact with someone who has head lice. You may be reassured to know that head lice are commonly found in places other than at Box Hill High School. Head lice are common in school-aged children and are the most adaptable of creatures. They have survived living solely on humans for 10,000 years!

What can you do?

We seek your cooperation in checking your child’s hair and in those instances where head lice or eggs are found, treating your child’s hair.

How do I treat my child for head lice?

The link below has informative guidelines regarding detecting and treating head lice and eggs.

When can my child return to school?

Health regulations requires that where a child has head lice, that child should not return to school until the day after appropriate treatment has started.

Box Hill High School is aware that head lice can be a sensitive issue and is committed to maintaining your confidentiality.

For more information on treating head lice please follow the link below:

Help us collect Earn & Learn stickers from Woolworths

This year we are collecting stickers for the Woolworths earn and learn program. The HPE department is hoping we will have our best year ever and be able to get lots of free equipment for our students. For this to happen, we would love it if you could please collect the stickers for our school and drop them in the collection box outside the PE office. Every time you shop at Woolworths make sure you ask for the Woolworths stickers and bring them into school with you. Every little bit will help us, so thank you in advance.

Ms Jessica Goodwin, Physical Education Coordinator

Bully Stoppers – New Resources for Parents

- The Department’s Bully Stoppers initiative has been designed for principals, teachers, parents and students.
- Bully Stoppers aims to provide practical advice, information and strategies to support everyone to ‘make a stand, lend a hand’ and stop bullying.
- Two new online learning modules for parents have now been added to the Bully Stoppers online toolkit – both modules were developed in partnership with experts, and are linked to fact sheets.
- Andrew Fuller (clinical psychologist and student wellbeing specialist) has designed a module to help parents understand, recognise and manage bullying and cyberbullying behaviours.
- The module by Susan McLean (cyber safety expert) has a focus on cyber safety, cyber bullying, and includes information on sexting, gaming addiction and online grooming. It aims to help parents address standards of behaviour in the context of cybersafety and social media.


Community Announcements

![Southern Cross Cultural Exchange](http://www.scce.com.au)
| Year 10, S4, 11 Exams Timetable | Periods 1 and 2  
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Additional Information about Midyear exam timetable - Years 10, S4 & 11

The following S4 subjects are not running a mid-year exam:

- Applied Sports Science
- Medical & Experimental Science
- 2D3D Animation
- Drama
- Fun with Food
- Engineering Project

If you have a clash, please see your Coordinator (not your subject teacher) to arrange an alternative exam time AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!

Year 10, S4 & year 11 classes will **NOT** run during this exam period. Students are expected to still attend their unit 3&4 classes unless they have a direct clash with an exam.

Students are welcome to study at school in the library and designated study rooms (a list will of these will be provided during the exam period).

All students must be in full school uniform at all times while at school during this exam period.

Students will not be permitted to leave their exams early.

…And a reminder about what **not to bring**:

- No Water bottles with labels
- No mobile phones or electronic equipment (excluding calculators for certain exams)
- Pencil cases must be clear
- Food

If you have any other questions, please see Ms Charles or Mr Middenway.

Ms Sally Charles, Year 10 Coordinator

Mr John Middenway, Year 11 Coordinator