## NEWSLETTER ISSUE 9

**19th September 2014**

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**Berwick College Newsletter**

Berwick College notifies parents by email when newsletters are published. Newsletters are published three times per term.

Newsletters can be accessed on the Berwick College website.
**PRINCIPAL’S REPORT**

Our School Review was held on 2nd September. There was a great deal of positive feedback and recognition, and some areas outlined for our focus in the future. The compliance section of our review was also very successful, with thanks to Assistant Principal Mr Spencer Davenport and the Policy and Planning Team for ensuring we are compliant with the expectations of the VRQA. We will still be focusing on improving learning and will begin to build our Strategic Plan once we get our official report.

Battle of the Bands was held last week for the Years 7 to 11 in the Stadium and was an amazing demonstration of the talent of our students. It was a final after several competitions, and the top five acts were very impressive. The winner was Marion Doerig, a Year 7 student who played the violin. She was chosen by judges and the student body applause, and is clearly an extraordinarily talented young lady.

Thanks go to Ms Michelle Lewis, Student Learning Leader and Mr Jackson West Assistant Student Learning Leader of Flynn Learning Team, who organised the competition and to Mr Andrew Tomlin and Mr Michael Couche for their technical support.

Our Year 12 students have only a short period of time to go. The VCAL students will mostly be finished their work by the end of this term and the VCE students will be finished their content by the end of the term, or very early in term four. Ensuring the students have six periods a week per subject for Year 12, VCE means they have had approximately thirty extra periods of learning with their teacher up until the end of term three for each of their subjects. This, along with the work done by Assistant Principal Mr Pat Mulcahy with the teachers and students, and the monitoring and tracking of data, has led to a consistent and steady improvement in VCE results at Berwick College.

During these school holidays Mr Mulcahy has also arranged for the TSSM study sessions for our students in their VCE subjects. These sessions will continue for ten days of the holidays and teachers will attend as well. In the past, students have had to go into Melbourne for these sessions and it is a great advantage to have the sessions operating in our own school. Thanks go to Mr Mulcahy for supporting not only our own students but students in our neighbouring schools, including Nossal, Kambrya, St Francis Xavier, Beaconsfield and St Peters, Cranbourne.

We had our practice lockdown on Tuesday morning which proved to be very effective, although it highlighted an issue with students arriving late to school, and their access to classrooms. This will be addressed now we have that insight. Well done to Assistant Principal Mr James Doble for his work on each of our OHS safety procedures.

At the end of term three we are very much on track with our attendance targets for the year. We are all focussed on having students attend school, with targets featuring for Homegroup teachers and Learning Teams. We cannot teach students if they are not here. Congratulations to Assistant Principal Mr Mark Woodbridge on his work leading the reduction of absences.

Rehearsals are continuing for ‘Born This Way’ and it promises to be another outstanding performance coming up in October. I hope all are able to attend.

In a school of our size there is always a great deal happening, much of it behind the scenes, and it would not happen without the goodwill of our staff. I would like to take this opportunity to recognize and thank all our staff who go the extra kilometre for our students, and wish everyone a safe and relaxing break.

Ms Kerri Bolch
Principal
**BULLYING AT SCHOOL ON THE DECLINE—ACCORDING TO STUDENTS**

Bullying is always a concern, but what are our students saying about bullying at school? Every year we conduct an Attitude to School Survey with our students. A range of areas are surveyed; one is about the amount of bullying occurring at school.

The survey is structured so that the higher the score the better. Below are results from 2006 to 2013. (2014 results are not yet available)

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The state average was 4.30 in 2013.

The College has a number of strategies in place to combat bullying. These include:

- Anti-bullying – part of Year 7 induction
- Values 4 Life anti-bullying program for years 7 and 8
- Bullying survey – a confidential and anonymous survey where students can name students they believe are a bully or someone who they believe is bullied. The information is followed up in a discrete and supportive manner, that includes the use of restorative practices, by Student Learning Leaders and the Wellbeing team.
- Wellbeing team supporting students in regard to bullying
- Home group teacher support

If parents are concerned their child is being bullied at school please contact your child’s home group teacher, as together we can beat bullying.

**PRESENTATION NIGHT PHOTOS**

Colour or black and white photographs of students presented with awards are available for purchase from rainerkphotography.

Simply log onto www.rainerkphotography.com and click on the “school pix” tab to view your student’s award portrait.

To order photograph/s of your child/ren, please contact rainerkphotography on 0401 413 504 or email at info@rainerkphotography.com

The cost for one 8”x10” plus two 5”x7” prints is only $20.00 with delivery within 7 -10 days.
**Monash Mighty Ducks**

The Mighty Monash Team recently recognised those students who achieved outstanding results in Term 2. Students should be proud of their efforts and it was fantastic to celebrate as a team.

With attendance being a major focus, it was very pleasing to see so many students achieving 100% attendance in Term 2! Home Group teachers again awarded ‘Student of the Term’ certificates.

Congratulations to the following students:

- Monash 1 – Brittany Cappadona and Maira Mahmood
- Monash 2 – James O’Hagan and Pumi Wimalaratne
- Monash 3 – Molly McMillan and Rochelle Bryne
- Monash 4 – Brooke Kapoor and Dylan Gal-Cavalar
- Monash 5 – Brad Van Noordennen and Amy Weiland
- Monash 6 – Taylah Ferguson and Callum Ralphs
- Monash 7 – Nash Butler and Evan Pickering

To conclude the assembly students were treated to a performance by one of our talented Year 8 students **Sasha Rechichi** who performed **Beautiful** by Christina Aquilera. She did an outstanding job and left the audience speechless. Congratulations Sasha!!

**CAREERS NEWS**

**Berwick students have “Lunch with the Winners”.**

On Tuesday 2nd September, 24 students from across the eight Learning Teams, attended the “Lunch with the Winners” event at Sandown Racecourse.

Students received a scrumptious three course meal while listening to employers and success stories of four local young people from a range of industries. Speakers included Brad Smith, who at 26 years of age is one of the country’s most successful entrepreneurs and is a three time Australian Business of the Year winner. Students also heard an entertaining speaker about the jobs of the future and thinking about what will be their “first” career, as young people today are expected to follow several career pathways over their lifetime.

Hopefully this presentation left our students with some inspiring thoughts that might help them to shape their own futures.

**Adam Nettleingham and Alison Birkett**

Careers, VET and Business Partnerships
Flynn’s Battle of the Bands

On 8th, 9th and 10th September the Flynn learning team hosted a battle of the bands. The first heat was won by singing duo Alyssa Pagliuca and Kelsey Dowler. The second heat saw Marion Doerig on the violin and rock band Banana Fish through to the next round. The bands Independent Uprising and Puppet Federation stole the show in heat three. The winners of the heats went through to the grand final which was held on Thursday, 11th September. Berwick College held a whole school assembly to decide the winner.

In the end, Marion came in first, Banana Fish pulled up second, Puppet Federation took out third, Independent Uprising came fourth and Kelsey and Alyssa came fifth.

Overall, it was a fantastic opportunity for students to get an insight into the wonderful performing arts world here at Berwick College and for everyone to get together and enjoy each other’s company whilst earning points for their learning teams.

Jessica Makeham and Piper van Hout
O’Donoghue News

For O’Donoghue Day on 21st August students participated in a range of activities to raise funds and awareness for youth homelessness through the charity Kids Under Cover.

HOMELESS FACTS
On any given night, there are more than 105,000 people who are homeless – enough to fill the MCG. Of these people, 42% are under the age of 25. Family breakdown continues to be one of the leading causes of youth homelessness. Homelessness is not a choice. Young people who become homeless often do so because their living situation has become physically, mentally and emotionally unbearable. Family breakdown, mental health issues, domestic violence, poverty, drug and alcohol abuse, intellectual disabilities and overcrowding are all key drivers of youth homelessness. Such living conditions can make it difficult for young people to remain at home and engaged with education and work experience, and they will often find it harder to gain employment and get access to rental housing. All this contributes to placing young people at greater risk of homelessness which can also lead to depression, poor nutrition, substance abuse and mental health problems.

In response to these sobering facts, the student-leaders of O’Donoghue decided that they wanted to do something to raise awareness and support for Kids Under Cover.

KIDS UNDER COVER
Kids Under Cover is a not-for-profit that prevents youth homelessness by building homes and providing scholarships and mentors for homeless and at-risk young people. Their goal is to keep young people connected to home, to education and with their community. Ultimately, they seek to prevent youth homelessness and give disadvantaged young people the opportunity to reach their full potential. You can learn more about Kids Under Cover at: www.kuc.org.au.

CARDBOARD BOX HOME COMPETITION
Students from each Learning Team competed in a cardboard box home competition. Students had thirty minutes to construct the best shelter they possibly could out of recycled materials. One student per learning team manned each of the shelters for each period of the day, missing out on subjects like English and Maths to experience what a homeless youth would for nights or weeks on end - luckily the sun was out, I’m not sure if the shelters would’ve lasted in the rain! Check out some of the student creations below:
VCAL DRESS FOR SUCCESS

Dress for Success Mornington Peninsula is a vital service for unemployed women on and around the Mornington Peninsula who need to rebuild their self-confidence and self-esteem after experiencing long-term unemployment, health, social, educational or other difficulties, and who are seeking to return to work.

On Thursday 11th September, Senior VCAL students here at Berwick College were given a presentation by Dress for Success on personal grooming and appropriate dress tips for interviews. This was presented by volunteer Susan Brown, who was able to share her experience from the employer’s perspective around assessing interviewees, with emphasis on how to create that all important good “first impression”.

O’Donoghue News continued...

QR CODE SCAVENGER HUNT

During Home Group students also participated in a QR code scavenger hunt all over the school. They used their iPads and mobile phones to hunt down clues, scan the QR codes and run off to the next clue, all the while collecting homelessness facts as they went.

THE O’DONOGHUE DRAGON

During the week students had the chance to hunt down dragons throughout the school. They were hidden in all kinds of random places and if a student found one they were to hand it in and earn points for their Learning Team. This was really just a publicity stunt to raise the profile of O’Donoghue’s new mascot - the DRAGON! A big thanks goes to Michaela Smith for designing our wonderful, scary dragon!

HELPING THE HOMELESS

Finally, students in O’Donoghue (and Ms Nieva’s Geography class) were given the opportunity to ‘help the homeless’ by going without something for one, three or five days that a homeless youth might go without for weeks or months on end. Students then got sponsored by their friends and family and all the proceeds went to Kids Under Cover. Students went without things like their phones, beds, showers, Xbox, TV, talking, internet and a range of other items normally considered essential for teenagers at Berwick College.

Overall, we raised $587 for Kids Under Cover and a special ‘congratulations’ goes to Kayla Bashford and Kayla Flanagan for raising the most money!

Thanks to everyone who supported O’Donoghue Day and Kids Under Cover. We are excited to see what the Dragons will achieve in the future!

Mr David Hughes
O’Donoghue Assistant Student Learning Leader
TABLOID SPORTS WITH BERWICK PRIMARY SCHOOL

At the end of last semester Year 11 VCAL students worked with grade 3 students from Berwick Primary School to produce healthy snacks. To further complement the Grade 3 students understanding of their topic “healthy living” the Year 11 VCAL students designed a range of sporting and physical activities for the grade 3 students. Our VCAL students had to design a sporting activity that would engage the grade 3 students, promote physical activity and encourage social bonding. Year 11 students worked in small groups so that in the end there were twelve different activities.

On Thursday 4th September the Year 11 students travelled to Berwick Primary School and set up the twelve activities. The primary school students were broken into groups of ten and assigned an activity. After ten minutes a whistle was blown and the grade 3 students would move to the next activity.

It was great to see our Year 11 VCAL students interact with the primary school students in such a positive way. Our VCAL students showed great enthusiasm, clear communication and genuinely enjoyed the task. The grade 3 students also enjoyed the range of activities and moving from group to group. Hopefully our VCAL students have enhanced the primary school students’ understanding of the importance of “healthy living” and our VCAL students have developed further skills in planning, teamwork and effective communication.

Adam Nettleingham and Corinne Duhua
Year 11 VCAL teachers

MENTAL HEALTH WEEK AT BERWICK COLLEGE

From 13th to 17th October there will be a focus on mental health with activities at lunchtime to promote positive coping strategies, raise awareness and familiarise students with support options if they are ever in need.

On Tuesday 14th October students will be encouraged to wear a green accessory and bring a gold coin to aid the work of Headspace who continue to support the mental health needs of young people in our community. Parents, please encourage your child to get involved!

Mr Paul Roberts
Student Welfare Coordinator
Structured Workplace Learning

Aviation Open Day
Moorabbin Airport Corporation in conjunction with the Department of State Development, Business and Innovation (DSDBI) is pleased to invite Berwick College to the Moorabbin Airport Aviation Careers Day 2014 at Moorabbin Airport on Wednesday 8th October 2014.

The aim of the day is to introduce students from Years 9, 10, 11 & 12 to aviation and the wide range of careers available within the industry, with a particular focus on Flight Training.

Any interested students should contact the Careers Centre.

VTAC APPLICATIONS ARE NOW OPEN

All Year 12 students have been briefed at an assembly about the requirements of applying for university and TAFE courses through VTAC (Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre). The main dates to be aware of have been published for the students to note and all Year 12 students have been invited to make an appointment with the careers staff if they would like assistance in completing their VTAC applications. These appointments will be open until the end of term.

Applications can be completed at any time until 5th December, however it is advisable to complete these as timely applications by 30th September. Students should also check whether the courses they are applying for require additional information such as supplementary information forms or compulsory attendance at information sessions.

Students applying for courses that are not through VTAC will need to check the requirements and deadline with the relevant institution.

The major dates for VTAC are outline below

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The Careers office staff at Berwick College will be available to assist with change of preference after your results have come out (during school term). Change of preference closes December 22nd at 12 noon.

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TSSM SEPTEMBER HOLIDAY EXAM PREPARATION PROGRAM

Berwick Secondary College will be running Unit 3 and 4 revision sessions for the following subjects during the school holidays. Sessions start at 9.00am and finish at 6.00 Pm. TSSM Study Session Dates:

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The sessions will be run in the PAC and Library and will cost $50 each. TSSM run these sessions in Melbourne at a cost of $149.00.

The sessions will run for 9 hours, each student will receive a package that includes a comprehensive set of revision notes bound, written to an A+ level. Each student is presented with at least 80 exam style questions. TSSM use teachers to deliver the sessions that have been or are examiners, reviewers or publishers. Please encourage your students to attend. There is a sign up list in the Senior School.

Below is a brief description of what the session will cover however if you want more information visit the TSSM website: tssm.com.au

TSSM’s September Holiday Exam Preparation Program is designed to help you thoroughly review all key areas of study as outlined in the VCAA Study Design for each subject prior to the exam rush.

Core benefits include:
- Detailed content revision
- Effective problem solving strategies
- Essential exam practice
- Powerful study habits
- Superior exam techniques
- Time management skills

TSSM’s September Holiday Exam Preparation Program will improve your VCE performance with:
- Advanced exam techniques
- Individual motivation and support
- Open, ‘ask questions’ teaching environments
- Problem solving strategies
- Professional concept revision that reduces pre-examination pressures
- Practice on an extensive range of likely examination questions
- Thorough tuition on core VCE concepts Emphasis on learning and reviewing examinable content

As Assistant Principal responsible for the Senior School I believe it is in the best interests of students to attend as many of these sessions that they can.

I have spoken to students in the past who have said that the information and resources that they have been given has helped them improve their grades dramatically.

Please contact me if you wish to discuss the value of these programs.

Mr Patrick Mulcahy
Assistant Principal
mulcahy.patrick.n@edumail.vic.gov.au
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G’DAY USA - JANUARY 2016 SCHOOL HOLIDAY TOUR.

The G’Day USA Program provides students currently in Years 7 to 11 with the opportunity to travel to the USA as part of a supervised group, with teachers acting as Group Leaders. The tour duration is just under 3 weeks.

Destinations include: Disneyland, Universal Studios, Knott’s Berry Farm, Los Angeles, San Diego and San Francisco. A feature of the tour is that students spend 10 days living with an American host family, as well as visiting an American school.

The basic tour cost is currently $5,495, which includes airfares, transfers, accommodation, travel insurance, breakfasts and admissions to most attractions. Additional costs include government taxes and airline surcharges (approximately $795), some optional group tours which could include a San Francisco Bay cruise and a Hollywood day tour as well as other activities, some group meals, and tipping (between $300 to $500 for all optional activities). Optional tours and costs are discussed with the group, and the actual activities and costs are decided by the group’s parents and students. You will also need to take some spending money for gifts and some meals. In the past students have taken anywhere between $500 and $1,000 as personal spending money.

If you are interested in being part of this tour please see Mr Goyen in room A6s for further information and a detailed brochure. The brochure includes a tear-off slip to register for a no-obligation information evening, where a representative from Educational World Travel will provide more details of the tour, as well as answer any questions you may have.

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1000 STEPS EXCURSION

The two Year 10 History classes went on an excursion on Friday 5th September to the 1000 steps in the Dandenongs. The “Kokoda Trail Walk” in the Dandenongs is a replica to the Kokoda Trail in Papua New Guinea, the one that the soldiers walked on when fighting with the Japanese.

The Trail Walk was made similar in width to the actual one and each stretch of pathway represented a part of the Kokoda Trail; when it rose the soldiers would have to climb, and when it plateaued it would be flat, and when it declined the soldiers would be descending. It is surrounded by “dank, impenetrable and hostile jungle”, just like the real thing. There was no way that soldiers could have seen enemies coming, and with the sounds we heard in our minute silence tribute, it would have been eerily silent.

Along the trail are plaques marking different locations on the Kokoda Trail, with significant details and distances written on them.

We didn’t find the steps an easy task, and that’s nothing compared to what the soldiers would have dealt with. The excursion was extremely worthwhile to at least try and imagine what a minute aspect of war life would have been like.

Thank you to Miss Lewis, Mr Sacco and the student teachers for taking us on this day out, and allowing us to experience this in a historical way.
A NIGHT AT THE DRIVE IN
FRIDAY October 24th
AKOONAH PARK BERWICK

**Guardians of the Galaxy**

GATES OPEN AT 6.00PM
WILL BEGIN SCREENING AT 7.45PM
$25.00 PER CAR
(TAX DEDUCTIBLE / RECEIPTS SUPPLIED)
EARLY BIRD PRICE UNTIL October 17th $20.00
(Call Geoff Dunn 0448 962 673 OR frank jetmar
8768 1019)

Wood Fired Pizza...Sausage sizzle...Popcorn
...Drinks

This event is sponsored by the Berwick College Chaplaincy Support Group, with all
profits going towards the Berwick College Chaplaincy Program
Performing Arts Night Semester 2 2014!

After last year’s sell out performances you will not want to miss this year’s talent.

A showcase of song, dance, music and drama.

It’s not too late to be a part of it!

Tickets on Sale September 2014

CONTACT
Melissa Quenette
8768 10 54
Quenette-melissa.c@edu.n
il.vic.gov.au

OCT 23RD & 24TH
BORN THIS WAY

Semester Two Performing Arts Night
Students have been working hard every Monday after school to put together this year’s Performing Arts Night which celebrates and displays skills learnt from performing arts classes as well as their natural talent. This year showcases songs and numbers from FAME the musical, A Chorus Line, Michael Jackson, Chicago and Sweeney Todd (just to name a few!). So add it to your calendars and keep an eye out for ticket sales because BORN THIS WAY is bound to be one not to miss!

Berwick College
IMMUNISATION PROGRAM 2014

The City Casey Health Department has informed the College that their remaining immunisation program for the year will be offered to students in the following year levels.

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Students who cannot be immunised on the day the Health Department is at the College can still be vaccinated free of charge at any of the other City of Casey vaccination centres. Go to [http://www.casey.vic.gov.au/immunisation/article.asp?Item=16874](http://www.casey.vic.gov.au/immunisation/article.asp?Item=16874) to find the 2014 City of Casey immunisation schedule which provides alternative venues and times.

Please discuss this issue with your child, particularly if your child is anxious about being immunised. In special circumstances, it may be appropriate for parents to attend to support their child through the process.

All parents should ensure that they can be easily contacted on the day of immunisation just in case students need to go home.

While the College is the venue for the program, teachers are not qualified to answer questions about the vaccines or other related medical issues. Parents with such questions should contact the City of Casey Health Department for advice on 9705 5200.

*Mrs Tracey Anastasi*
College Nurse
NOONE IMAGEWEAR has reduced the price of ALL new items of the ‘old’ school uniform (jumpers, skirts, trousers etc) to $10.00 per item.
SECONDHAND UNIFORM SHOP

The Second-hand Uniform Shop will be open each week at the following times (during the school term):

- **TUESDAYS**  8.30am-9.30am  and  **THURSDAYS**  5.15pm-6.15pm

Please phone 8768 1042 during these times. If you have any uniform enquiries outside of this time, please contact Diane on 9707 2605.

Second-hand items still required include: dresses, blue polos (larger sizes), grey trousers (larger sizes) and the school jacket. Items must be in good and clean condition. Bring to the shop during operating hours.

**All new uniform** (both 2013 and 2014) can only be purchased from Noone Imagewear (formerly Graeme Booth), Shop 4, Beaconsfield Hub, Princes Highway, Beaconsfield. Telephone 9769 9093.

Trading hours:  **Monday to Friday**: 9am till 5pm,  and  **Saturday**: 9am till 1pm.
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**Attendance – reporting your child’s absence**

We have updated our contact details for reporting a child’s absence from school. The contact details are as follows:

**Chisholm, Frost, Hollows, Monash, Year 12**
Absence line: 8768 1051 (24 hours) to speak to Sharyn or leave a message
OR
Go to the website [http://www.berwickcollege.vic.edu.au](http://www.berwickcollege.vic.edu.au) and scroll down to Attendance – learn more and provide details and email will be forwarded to Sharyn
OR
Email directly to berwick.college.attendance@gmail.com

**Dunlop, Flynn, Kenny, O’Donoghue**
Absence line: 8768 1086 (24 hours) to speak to Robyn or leave a message
OR
Go to the website [http://www.berwickcollege.vic.edu.au](http://www.berwickcollege.vic.edu.au) and scroll down to Attendance – learn more and provide details and email will be forwarded to Robyn
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**Remember, student attendance makes a difference to student learning outcomes.**

….. need assistance for Education Costs??

You could be eligible for a NO INTEREST LOAN!

Do you...
- Live in the City of Casey?
- Have a low income or a CentreLink Health Care Card?
- Receive payments from Centrelink?

**Primary, Secondary School and TAFE (VCE/VCAL)** students can get flexible, affordable, **interest-free** loans for purchasing: Books, Uniforms, School camps, Fees and other items... (eligibility criteria applies)

For more information contact a No Interest Loans Officer today!
Loans are also available for essential household items and some health aides.

**Casey North Community Information & Support Service:** 9705 6699
Suite 1&2, 90-92 Victor Cres, Narre Warren
Email: nils@casynorthciss.com.au

The Casey No Interest Loan Program is available to all eligible residents in the City of Casey. The program is managed by Casey North Community Information and Support Service.
COLLECTING DONATIONS FOR THE LOST DOGS HOME!!!

DO YOU HAVE ANY OLD TOWELS, BLANKETS, OLD DOG BEDS, DOONAS, PILLOWS ETC?

The nights and days are cold and long for our poor lost and unwanted four legged friends! Any warmth and kindness would be greatly appreciated!

IF YOU HAVE ANY DONATIONS PLEASE CONTACT MS ANNA GREENSTREET O’DONOGHUE STUDENT LEARNING LEADER ON 8768 1089 TO ARRANGE A PICK UP FROM THE SCHOOL

PARENTS – ARE YOUR CONTACT DETAILS UP TO DATE?

It is very important that Berwick College has up to date contact details for all families.

If you have changed your home address, email address, emergency contacts or telephone number since your student’s enrolment, please call in or contact the school on 8768 1000 to advise the College of any changes.

It is especially important that the Reports are mailed home to the correct address and that emails and telephone numbers are up to date for the College to be able to contact parents when necessary.