College Mission . . .

Building on a foundation of Christian values, the mission of Aitken College is to enable students to become informed and compassionate members of the wider community by inspiring academic achievement and creativity, nurturing self worth, encouraging environmental responsibility and committing to service with and for others.

Important Diary Dates for 2013

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Please remember that Tuesday, 18 June is a student free day as teachers will be busy writing reports.

Thought: “Courage is the price that life exacts for granting peace.” Amelia Earhart

From the Principal

The Federal Government has a Creative Young Stars Program open for applications. This program offers grants for students to participate in artistic, cultural or academic based activities or events/training. This provides financial assistance for students in the categories of creative and performing arts, cultural activities, academic endeavour and school and community activities.


It is a busy time of the year with assessments and report writing. A reminder that reports will be available on the Community Portal from Friday, 28 June and printed reports will not be sent out.

It was a great turn out to the Winter Soiree Concert last week. Student performances from all age groups were wonderful. Thank you to the Music staff.

You may be noticing the Wetlands are filling with the recent rains and attracting a lot of birdlife and the frogs are croaking and singing.

Congratulations to students who participated in the Victorian Indonesian Language Teachers’ Association speaking competition, Sayembara Lisan, with one of our students achieving a winning place.

Congratulations to Liam Wiemann, College Sports Captain of Year 12, who is the recipient of the Victorian Olympic Council Pierre du Coubertin award. This will be presented at the MCG this Sunday, 16 June.

Mrs Josie Crisara
Principal
Parent & Friends Association

The Term 2 Raffle is now underway. Fabulous prizes are on offer!

1st prize  iPad 4th Gen 16GB with WiFi and Soniq 32” TV valued at $800
2nd prize  iPad Mini 16GB with WiFi and $40 iTunes voucher valued at $400
3rd prize  Nespresso DeLonghi Pixie valued at $350
4th prize  Beats by Dr Dre Solo HD On-EAR Headphones and a $40 JB HiFi voucher valued at $300
5th prize  Sony CyberShot DSCTF1B Tough Camera 25mm wide angle lens, waterproof to 10m, shock proof 1.5m valued at $250
6th prize  Gold Class voucher valued at $200
7th prize  Coles Myer voucher valued at $100
8th prize  Coles Myer voucher valued at $100

Tickets are only $2.00 each and a book of 5 tickets has been distributed to students. Additional tickets are available by returning the reply slip or emailing admin@aitkencollege.edu.au. Please do your best to sell all tickets and return all stubs and money to Homeroom teachers or Reception as soon as possible. All monies and unsold tickets must be returned by Wednesday, 19 June 2013.

Community Business Directory: The Aitken Community Business Directory is up on the school website. Please have a look. This is a great way to support the families in the school. It is not too late to be included. Please email admin@aitkencollege.edu.au for more information.

Parent and Friends Volunteers Register: If you are interested in being on the list please email admin@aitkencollege.edu.au with your name, email address and phone number. You will be added to a Register and when we have a big event on, for example the Preloved Sale, you might receive an email from us requesting your assistance. If you are free for some of the time or all we would love for you to be able to help out. The Preloved School Uniform Sale that was on last Term was a huge success, so we are having another sale on 22 August. If you have anything to donate please drop the items to Reception. Please ensure all donations are clean and in good condition.

Our exciting fundraiser, That’s Mine Labels www.thatsmine.com.au is available all year. The labels are great to label your child’s uniform pieces, lunch boxes, books and more. Please click on our school name on the website so we can receive a percentage of your sales.

From the Deputy Principal

Uniform: I would like to remind all families about the College’s uniform rules; many secondary students have been spoken to recently regarding the following:

- Girls’ skirts must of a length that is at the bottom of the kneecap or lower. Rolling or pinning the skirt up is not permitted.
- Winter parkas are only to be worn outside and over the blazer, not in class or without the blazer.
- PE/Sport uniform must be complete and correct, with Aitken sport shirt and pants, Aitken socks and sturdy sport shoes.
- Uniform shoes must be black leather lace-up school shoes; no boots, slip-ons, high heels or buckles.
- Girls wear navy blue tights in winter. Boys must wear Aitken grey socks (no other socks permitted).
- Long hair at or below the shoulder must be neatly tied back and behind the head.
- Students must not wear any make-up or nail polish.
- The only jewellery permitted is one pair of plain metal studs or sleepers in the ear lobe.
- Hairstyles must be natural and conservative, no shaved sides or exaggerated styling. Boys must be clean shaven.

The statement of College uniform is at the back of this newsletter. Families are requested to check students’ uniform items and use the holiday break to rectify any shortcomings. Uniform shop details are below. A list of second hand uniform items available for purchase is held at the College Reception; please call in for a copy.

Students arriving at school for Term 3 in incomplete or incorrect uniform or not acceptably groomed, may be withdrawn from classes and sent home.

schooltrenz
Unit 10/24 Carrick Drive
Tullamarine Vic 3043
Phone 9338 1334
Credit card facilities and lay-by available. Ample parking available.

Trading hours are:
Monday 11.00am - 5.00pm
Wednesday 11.00am - 5.00pm
Friday 11.00am - 5.00pm
Saturday 9.30am - 3.00pm

Mr Kim Forward
Deputy Principal

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**Brookhill School Notices**

**Mid-Year Exams:** All Year 10 and Year 11 students are finishing their mid-year exams. Formal exams at Years 10 and 11 are an important part of the Aitken College Senior School program. The majority of students who complete VCE will have their ATAR result determined largely by their performance in formal Year 12 VCAA exams. It is important that students use Year 10 and Year 11 exams to learn exam preparation skills. Some important points that students should be learning from the exam process are:

- How does each student best prepare for formal exams? What forms of study and revision work best for each individual?
- How can each student manage the stress of the exam room? What things should they be doing on the morning of exams to ensure they are in a mental state conducive to optimum performance?
- How to use reading time effectively?
- Exam technique: do you always have to do question 1 first? How do you ensure you don’t miss any easy marks?

These ideas, and other important exam preparation tips, are covered in the Elevate Education Study Skills seminar on exam preparation, delivered to all Year 12 VCE students on the annual Year 12 Student Learning Conference. It is worth noting that, while arrangements can be made for exams missed at Year 10 and Year 11 levels, it is an entirely different matter when it comes to official Unit 3-4 VCAA exams. **Resits or make-up exams do not exist at this level.** If a student misses a Unit 3-4 VCAA exam because they stayed home sick, in most cases they will be awarded zero for the exam and have their ATAR score dragged down significantly. It is a harsh reality that illness is not catered for when it comes to VCAA exams. A student who wakes up on the day of an exam feeling sick must just turn up and do their best.

**Attention Year 12 Students: The Red Zone!** The Red Zone is the 5 week period of time from the commencement of Unit 3 studies on Monday, 17 June to the start of Term 3 on Monday, 22 July. **This is the period when Year 12 ATAR scores are made or lost.** After a long and busy semester it is tempting to relax and cruise through the two weeks until the mid-year holiday break. Students who do this will struggle to re-motivate themselves over the holiday break; these students will miss 5 vital weeks of work at a critical time. All Year 12 students must be aware of this danger zone, right in the middle of their final year at school. I implore all Year 12 students to work the next two weeks as hard as they can and carry this momentum into next Term. Five weeks of productive work during this period can give students a huge competitive advantage; there will be time to relax when the work is done!

**Year 11 Presentation Ball:** Year 11 parents are reminded that our next Presentation Ball Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, 19 June at 7.00pm in the Staffroom. Any queries, please do not hesitate to contact brookhilladmin@aitkencollege.edu.au or Senior School office directly on 9333 9107.

**Piercings, Hairstyles and Dress Length:** I remind parents about College expectations and standards regarding piercings, hairstyles, facial hair and dress length:

- I ask parents not to send students to school with piercings, other than a single stud or sleeper through the ear lobe. All other piercings, including clear plastic items, are against the College grooming policy. Students who claim they cannot remove fresh piercings will have to stay home until the piercing can be removed.
- Hairstyles that are exaggerated or designed to attract significant attention are not acceptable. In particular, I refer to hairstyles that are shaved at the sides and much longer on top. Students presenting with hairstyles of this nature will be asked to modify their hairstyles, or stay home until it grows out.
- Boys are expected to be clean shaven. Boys presenting with facial hair will be required to shave before being allowed into class.
- Girls’ dresses must reach the bottom of the kneecap. Girls with unacceptably short dresses will be asked to lower the hemline or purchase a more acceptable dress. Girls persistently presenting with unacceptably short dresses will be removed from class.

Mr David Murphy  
Head of Brookhill

**VCAL News**

This week the VCAL students heard a presentation from the Victorian Employers’ Chamber of Commerce and Industry (VECCI) which provides occupation and industry specific information to potential Apprenticeship candidates to help them make an informed decision in choosing the right Australian Apprenticeship pathway. The presentation was very informative, with realistic and practical information on qualifications, careers and job pathways.

Mrs Jenny Lilley  
VCAL Co-ordinator

**Glenarthur School Notices**

Congratulations to all Year 8 and 9 students who performed so creditably in Performing Arts events this week. Your ability and commitment to the task are praiseworthy.
My thanks to you parents who support us by checking your child’s uniform and grooming. You should not have to do this constantly. We expect middle-school children to be able to abide by the dress code. I remind the students at assemblies that we all share the responsibility for the neat tone of our College.

Thank you to the students who continue to represent their House in extra-curricula events.

Students have been on a variety of excursions this term, amongst them being one to a leadership seminar, Altitude Day. An inspiring day was had by all. Thank you to Mr Zanic for accompanying our school leaders on the day.

Year 9 students have been given advance notice of the GCE (Glenarthur City Experience) which runs on September 2, 3, 5 and 6. A detailed booklet and permission forms will be given students in Term 3.

Mrs Elpis Vlahopoulos
Acting Head of Glenarthur

Dunhelen School Notices

We are already halfway through the year and while we have completed so much, there is still a lot to do. I am sure many of the students have been busy doing homework, studying for tests and completing assignments. This is a very busy period in Dunhelen and I encourage all students to keep up the good work. Semester One reports will be available through the parent portal on the last day of Term 2 on Friday, 28 June.

As some parents are aware students are now faced with a host of social media sites. Fortunately, a lot of students use these sites in an appropriate manner, however, there are a small number who do the wrong thing and use the sites in an unacceptable manner. The latest ‘popular’ site is: ask.fm. This site is one that parents should have a look at. Firstly, you must be 17 years old to use it, but there is no checking mechanism for this. Secondly, it allows users to ask questions or post comments anonymously, thereby creating an atmosphere where children think they can say what they want and not ‘get caught’. According to various media reports this is a site where frequent bullying and harassment take place due to the anonymity. Other such sites include Formspring.me and Qooh.me. I strongly encourage parents to research these sites in order to gain an understanding of them and then have a conversation with your child about its suitability.

Two weeks ago Dunhelen were lucky enough to watch a performance by ‘Class Act’ which was based on cyber-bullying. I hope that the students took some valuable lessons away from it and are now aware of the many choices they have in regards to saying ‘no’ to this type of bullying. A very big thank you to Mr Prentice for organising this incursion and a huge thank you to all Dunhelen students who behaved perfectly and listened intently. Well done!

Mrs Francis Scuderi & Mr Ben Prentice
Head and Assistant Head of Dunhelen

Cumberland School Notices

Recently the Cumberland Council, through the 4R Class Captains, held a guess how many jellybeans in the jar competition. Dylan Wijayanayake guessed the exact number, 352 jellybeans. A cheque for $65.00 has been sent to the Royal Children’s Hospital.

Next week, sees our 14th House Spelling Competition. It will be held in the Chapel and Performing Arts Centre on Thursday, 20 June during period 1. Parents are welcome to attend.

Over the holidays the children will be finishing off their picture storybooks. These are due in at the beginning of Term 3. The most popular books will be announced during Book Week.

Also next Term will be Maths Week. This is a big week with lots of Maths related activities. Maths is more than adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing. It comes into our lives every day, often without us realising it. When working out how much meat to buy for that casserole you are planning on making you are using mathematical skills. When estimating how long you need to leave it until you fill your car with petrol you are using mathematical skills. The art of Maths is not just doing the sums but applying it in our everyday lives.

Ms Barbara Wyatt
Head of Cumberland

Fairview School Notices

Stop and Smell the Roses…A phrase we often hear but do we really achieve this in our daily lives? A few weeks ago I had the absolute pleasure in accompanying students and staff from the Preparatory School on an excursion to see the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra (MSO). The morning began with very excited students, wearing colourful hats they had made to support the theme of the day ‘Magic and Monsters’, getting on a few buses that were bound for the Melbourne Town Hall. It was refreshing to chat with students on the bus and throughout the day. The students happily talked about themselves and as members of a larger community other than students of Aitken College. They chatted about their families, past holiday destinations and likes and dislikes. It was lovely to hear from our youngest students in ‘what
makes them tick’. I reflected on this later that evening and wondered how often people really listened to their little voices? As educators we often talk to students about specific school related issues or we are busy assessing and collecting data for reporting. As parents, I am sure your days are often full with many pressures from work and the stresses that often go hand-in-hand with busy schedules. Schooling in 2013 is certainly different from what I remember as a student, unfortunately, many years ago! The exposure of extra-curricula activities is also very diverse. During the day at MSO I heard students talking about the different parts of an orchestra, sounds and songs they liked and how the sounds from some drums made students scared while for others the sounds excited them. I hope from this you can see why the students enjoyed the day so much. Hopefully you will agree with me that their hats look amazing!!

*Courtesy photo from the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra*

Hopefully everyone enjoyed the Queen’s Birthday long weekend that we recently had. Looking forward in the calendar, we have school holidays quickly approaching us. During this time I hope mums and dads are able to find some time to ‘stop and smell the roses’, and listen to the little voices of your children. They have so much to offer; different opinions and their thoughts about the world.

It goes without saying that we all wish Ms Neophytou a speedy recovery after her recent knee surgery. During the assembly time on Tuesday morning I talked to the students about Ms Neophytou’s absence and how this was an important time for her. I took a few fun photos of the students, staff and parents in the Performing Arts Centre waving to the camera and have recently emailed these to her. I hope once received these will put a ‘smile on her dial’.

Mr Ashley Penny  
Head of Primary Curriculum  
(Acting Head of Fairview)

**Careers News**

**Career News 9:** The ninth edition of Career News for 2013 has been posted on the College website. The following link will take you to the careers newsletter: [http://www.aitkencollege.edu.au/educational-programs/careers/careers-newsletter/](http://www.aitkencollege.edu.au/educational-programs/careers/careers-newsletter/). Edition 9 contains information about a new Associate Degree at RMIT in Film and Television, taking a gap year, an update from ANU, some useful government websites for young people, a water recreation program at William Angliss, Open Days, new VCE Extension subjects at RMIT for 2014, the Bachelor of Oral Health, studying Law, new scholarships at VU and more. You are also welcome to contact Careers staff in room B21 or via email: careers@aitkencollege.edu.au or by telephone 9333 1866.

*Mrs Clare Borg and Ms Rae Gibbs*  
Careers Advisers

**Chaplains Corner**

I had a phone call from one of my brothers on Wednesday evening, telling me that his father-in-law had just died. Another of my brothers is awaiting the imminent arrival of his third grandchild. I am constantly reminded that we live between the polarities of life and death, and that the fragility of our existence is a worry. The question about the purpose of our existence is often then raised; the meaning of life is wrestled with, until a new understanding of life is held. I am often asked if this is all part of God’s plan, to which I know my colleagues would say ‘Yes’.

Rev Jeanne Beale  
Chaplain

**Environmental Programs**

It is official! Our *Aitken garden plot* at the Hume City Council community garden has been planted. Members of our Green Team, led by Ebin Mathew, travelled to Westmeadows to plant indigenous flora in celebration of Reconciliation Day. Not only did we enjoy beautiful planting weather, but the students participated in indigenous cultural activities and a barbeque.

On 30 May, several students attended the *Melbourne High Earth Summit* Environment Conference. They enjoyed three Key Note speakers that have made a huge impact in sustainability in Australia and across the world. Students also participated in workshops run by Melbourne High students. It was a fantastic day!

I am very excited to announce that this is the renewal year for our nationally recognised *5 Star Sustainability Certification*. This means we refresh our sustainability practices at the College, ensuring we are doing the best we can to contribute to a sustainable future. There’s a lot to be done but we’re eager to get started. Parents and student will be asked to contribute to several initiatives over the next few months so get involved!

Ms Cristy Herron  
Head of Environmental Programs
Aitken Farm News

The school farm has been growing in leaps and bounds this year. The Year 10 Agriculture class have been working on improving the soil in our market garden, and have produced some amazing broccoli, lettuce, kale, peppers, chard and herbs for sale at the farm market. The Aitken Farm Market does not yet have a regular day, but keep a look out for the chalk boards which are out on the day. We will be behind the Chapel and Performing Arts Centre.

The new addition of the 'chicken trailer', which is a portable chicken house, and 10 Isa Brown hens, have allowed the students to sell fresh eggs at the farm market also. Bacon and Eggs, our resident pigs have been busy eating any scrap food leftovers from students and staff, reducing the organic waste in our bins. Keep an eye on the Aitken Farm section of the newsletter for updates, markets and upcoming events at the farm.

Aitken Farm Wishlist

The farm is seeking a few items. If you have any of the following that could be donated, please contact Miss Sarah Dennis at: sdennis@aitkencollege.edu.au or Mr Darren Tinker at: dtinker@aitkencollege.edu.au. Thank you!

- 6×4 trailer
- Hen house or coop
- 44 gallon drums with lids

Miss Sarah Dennis
Co-ordinator Agriculture Programs

Equestrian News

Melbourne Equestrian Vaulting: We have the first pictures of our new team members at practice. Unbelievably these very little children are already standing up on a moving horse unaided. Well done team, you are all stars in the making. There is always a place for new members and if anybody is interested please contact Stephanie Vincent-Fox on 0418 981 969 or www.sugargumform.com for further information. Classes run on Wednesday afternoons and Saturday mornings.

Remember to join our ‘equestrian edmodo’ to keep up with the comings and goings of both teams. Go to http://www.edmodo.com/home#/join and use the group code 9w9a5j and follow the instructions. You may register with any e-mail address you like; it does not have to be your school e-mail for this group.

Interschool Horse Trials, Jumping And Dressage: This month we congratulate Ruby Marantelli for excelling herself at the Benalla show over the long weekend; she and Wally did a sterling job. Erin Stannard came 10th out of 20 competitors at the Braemer dressage show; well done, Erin. Alessia Foroni took part in her first dressage show at St Andrews and she is looking forward to participating in a few more shows now that the first hurdle has been overcome.

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Anybody who participates in equestrian competitions of any sort may join our team; we meet once a month and the date is announced in the daily student bulletin.

**Pony Club Victoria:** There are many shows at various pony clubs in Victoria during June, July and August; please look on their website to see which ones you might be interested in. www.ponyclubvic.org.au

**Interschool Events:** There are many shows during the year. Remember the new interschool year started in Term 4 of 2012 so check the website for the new timetable - www.vic.equestrian.org.au

**Team Members:** Jessica Blaschka, Kate Blaschka, Tayla Childs, Stephanie Ritchie, Rachelle Ritchie, Erin Stannard, Lara Stannard, Ruby Marantelli, Alessia Foroni, Cassandra Masters (Strapper) and Courtney Lilley (Strapper). Ellen Vincent, Caitlin Vincent, Annie Fox, Alana Hrehoresen, Cheyanne Fuller, Olivia Marples, Olivia McDonald, Bailey Chetwynd-Brown and Mackenzie Chetwynd-Brown.

**Languages Faculty News**

**Sayembara Lisan:** Last month twenty five of our students travelled to The University of Melbourne to participate in the annual Indonesian speaking competition, ‘Sayembara Lisan’. We were pleased that ten of those students were selected to compete further in the State Finals that was held on Saturday, 25 May. They were Gabriella D’Agata, Sasini Dematampitiya, Madeline Gleeson, Isabella Jovanovski, Emily McPherson, Amanda Moore, Joshua Pereira, Kristina Vlasonjic, Nethmini Walliwala Gamage and Michelle Zackor. The results from the finals have now been released and I congratulate Sasini Dematampitiya of 8F and Michelle Zackor of 9P who were highly commended. Furthermore, I would especially like to congratulate Kristina Vlasonjic of 8L who achieved 3rd place in the Year 8 Continuing section. I thank all participants for their hard work in preparing for the competition and the teachers who assisted in coaching them during lunchtimes.

**Mr Simon Adams**

**Head of Languages Faculty**

**Performing Arts News**

We have two concerts to complete the semester. Students in the Year 3 Strings program will present some of their repertoire on Tuesday, 25 June. On Wednesday, 26 June, students studying Year 7 and 8 Music will take to the stage in their class concert bands. Both concerts are open and free. Please be seated in the auditorium ready for the 3.30pm start and remember that food and drink is not permitted.

Tickets are now on sale for this year’s **College Musical, ‘Honk! a Musical Comedy’**. This musical adaptation of Hans Christian Andersen’s The Ugly Duckling first opened on London’s West End in 1999 and won the Olivier Award for Best Musical. The story revolves around a cygnet whose egg mistakenly ends up in a duck’s nest. Once born, Ugly (Kurtis Papadiamantis) is shunned by his siblings and many in the community for appearing so different to everyone else. Feeling dejected, he is easily lured away by a wily cat (Micah Edmonds), intent on making Ugly into his next meal. Ugly escapes the cat’s lair but then struggles to find his way back home. On his journey he meets an assortment of characters who all help him to understand that there is nothing wrong with being different. The last of these is a beautiful young swan, Penny (Sarah Lynham), with whom Ugly falls in love. Fighting his way through a blizzard, Ugly becomes encased in ice and while frozen, transforms into his true self, a handsome swan. Together with Penny, he is welcomed home in great fanfare, ready to live the rest of his life as the swan he was born. A cast, crew and orchestra of more than sixty students and staff have been working since late term one on the production.

This story which is suitable for people of all ages, will be presented across five performances in August. Opening night is 7.30pm on Friday, 2 August. The show will then continue at 7.30pm on Saturday, 3 August and Saturday, 10 August. There will be two matinees, one at the extra special time of 4.00pm on Thursday, 8 August and then at the normal time of 2.00pm on Saturday, 10 August. Tickets are $27.50 Adults, $22.00 Concession, $17.70 Child (aged 2-11) or Family of four $83.80 (plus 30c per ticket booking fee). Go to http://www.trybooking.com/CTMU

**Mr Michael Cooper**

**Director of Performing Arts**

**Physical Education News**

**Galway Cross Country 2013:** On Tuesday, 4 June, fifty Year 7 - 12 students from Aitken College attended the Annual Galway Cross Country challenge at Mt Macedon. The challenging, muddy track tested the limits of all students, however, all students finished and we achieved some great results.

Special mention goes to Tayla Childs who came in a very close 4th place and just missed out on a ribbon.
A big thank you to all students who came and participated on the day and to Miss Brown and Mr Mackrell for their help on the day.

**Miss Natalie Kufner**
*Year 7/8 Galway Co-ordinator*

**Victorian College Basketball Tournament**: On Tuesday, 28 May Aitken College took the Senior Boys Basketball team of students to the Victorian College Basketball Tournament at Coburg Basketball Stadium. The Boys team finished as Champions for the day. They were undefeated the whole day against the teams of Diamond Valley College, St Monica’s College and Whittlesea College.

The team consisted of:

- **Year 10**: Lachlan Byron and Ross Licciardi
- **Year 11**: Dennis Vó
- **Year 12**: Nicholas Byron, Mark Kovacevic, Kevin Crowle, Jacob Carter, Marcus Barresi, Liam Wiemann and Joshua Scerri

The boys will now play the Grand Final Series on Wednesday, 24 July. This is now the third year in a row that the senior boys team has made it to the grand final series.

**Miss Natalie Kufner**
*Basketball Coach*

**Religion and Values Education News**

The Year 8 Religious and Values Education classes have been examining Discipleship this term. They were each given $1,000 (hypothetically) to spend on a project that would help those less fortunate than themselves. Their ideas have been inspirational. Listening to their presentations gives me hope for the future knowing we have such compassionate and responsible young people growing up in our community.

**Asylum Seekers in Melbourne**: Amongst the poorest people in Melbourne are the asylum seekers who have sought refuge in our country. As winter approaches, there is a desperate need for blankets, towels, sheets and sleeping bags in new or very good condition. If you can donate any goods such as these, please deliver them to the Chapel and Performing Arts Centre Foyer up until the end of term where I will be responsible for collecting these and having them distributed to the Asylum Seeker Project.

**Lentara Uniting Care**: On Monday, 24 June, during the Glenarthur Chapel and Assembly, speakers from Lentara Uniting Care in Broadmeadows will be speaking to our Year 8 and 9 students about their work, specifically their need for volunteers. If you would like to hear about their work amongst the disempowered in our local area, please feel free to come along to listen.

**Mrs Anne Maher**
*Head of Faculty Religion and Values Education*

**International People’s Week – Celebrating Inspirational People**

Inspirational people come in a variety of forms: from across the age spectrum and from diverse backgrounds; from those who achieve or persevere against the odds to those who seemingly have a smooth path to their achievements, there is inspiration all around us. International People’s Week was itself inspired by International Women’s Day, but was modified to celebrate all people and the ways in which they inspire us in life. Students had the opportunity during late May to participate in a creative writing or artwork project which aimed to express their feelings about someone who has inspired them, whether it be someone on a world scale or a member of their family or friend. It may perhaps have been a complete stranger who had some impact on them. During Chapel services, primary student’s explored inspirational people through learning about Jessica Cox, who despite being born without arms, learnt to pilot a plane and drive a car. Thank you to the students who participated in the celebration.

**Jessica Cox – a pilot born without arms**

*Student artwork expressing someone who inspires them*
COLLEGE UNIFORM

The school uniform must be worn completely, correctly, clean and in good repair. This applies from leaving home in the morning to returning in the afternoon. This helps the College set and maintain high standards and engenders pride in appearance. Each student's appearance indicates his or her attitude to Aitken College. Members of the community will form opinions about the College on this basis.

ALL ITEMS OF UNIFORM SHOULD BE CLEARLY AND SECURELY NAMED FOR IDENTIFICATION. UNIFORM ITEMS ARE TO BE PURCHASED FROM SCHOOLTRENZ IN GLADSTONE PARK.

BOY’S UNIFORM

Summer
• Dark grey long trousers or shorts.
• Short sleeved blue chambray shirt with College logo on the pocket (no tie).
• Dark grey short socks with College stripes.
• College jumper and blazer.
• Flat black lace up leather school shoes.

Winter
• Dark grey long trousers.
• Blue chambray shirt with College logo on pocket (worn with tie).
• College tie.
• Dark grey short socks with College logo
• College jumper and blazer
• Flat black lace up leather school shoes. (Students in P-2 only may wear black pull up boots.)

GIRLS’S UNIFORM

Summer
• College summer dress. Length at least to the bottom of the knee cap.
• White socks with College stripes, worn above the ankle.
• College jumper and blazer.
• Flat black lace up leather school shoes.

Winter
• Girls from P-5 to wear College pinafore or slacks. Length of pinafore to be at least to the bottom of the knee cap.
• Girls from 6-12 to wear the College skirt or slacks. Length of skirt to be at least to the bottom of the knee cap.
• Long sleeved blue chambray shirt with College logo on the pocket.
• College tie.
• Navy tights to be worn not sheer stockings.
• Navy knee-highs to be worn under slacks.
• College jumper and blazer.
• Flat black lace up leather school shoes. (Students in P-2 only may wear black pull up boots)

Note 1: Scarves and gloves are not part of uniform. If students need to wear them, they must be navy in colour and are not worn in class. Beanies are not permitted to be worn unless a medical reason warrants one, and then only if plain and navy in colour.

Note 2: Summer uniform is to be worn in terms 1 and 4. Winter uniform is to be worn in terms 2 and 3. Students are permitted to wear the summer or winter uniform at the beginning of terms 2 and 4 depending on the weather conditions at the time.

HATS
Baseball cap and cricket hat are available. All students are to wear them and be sun-smart.

SPORTS UNIFORM
• Rugby style top and fleecy track pants in College colours and with logo.
• Bottle green cotton shorts.
• College sports socks with AITKEN on band.
• Sturdy sport shoes (not canvas shoes or slip-ons).
• House colour T-shirt with House name.

Sports uniform can be worn to school on days students have PE Period 1 or worn home if they have PE/ Sport Period 5 and on designated College Sports event days. Students must change into School uniform during other lessons.

SCHOOL BAGS
College back pack for books and College sports bag for sport uniform must be used. The College reserves the right to search bags in the interest of student safety.
COLLEGE UNIFORM

RAIN COATS/WINTER PARKAS (OPTIONAL UNIFORM ITEMS)
A navy spray-jacket with College logo or winter parka may be worn over the blazer as an outdoor winter garment; they are not to be worn in class.

JEWELLERY AND MAKE UP
Students are permitted to wear a wristwatch and one pair of plain silver or gold studs or sleepers (one per ear lobe). No other jewellery or visible piercings are permitted to be worn. Students must not wear make up nor have visible tattoos.

HAIR
Hair should be neat and tidy at all times. If hair reaches the shoulder it must be tied back. Any hair accessories: ribbons, ties or scrunchies should be plain in style and bottle green or navy blue. Exaggerated hair styles are not acceptable. Hair colour must be uniform and natural looking. Boys must be clean shaven.