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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Term dates for 2013

| Term 4 | 7 October to 11 December |

Please Note: This year’s Presentation Night on Monday 9 December will be held at the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre, 2 Clarendon Street, Southbank not Dallas Brooks Hall.

Thought: “Choice, not chance, determines destiny.” Anonymous

From the Principal

A fortnight of many events; Open Evening attracted the most visitors we have ever had. Our student guides did a wonderful job in showing visitors the College and talking about the myriad of programs that are available to students.

The Twilight Concert featured many performances and enabled a festive atmosphere. Thank you to Mr Aaron Searle and Ms Monet Hawkins for putting together the performances; utilising the area in front of the Administration building with the Friends of Performing Arts and the Parents and Friends holding stalls.

The Art and Design Exhibition was a great success. The range of art and design works on display ensured eager conversations and queries regarding whether some of the works were for sale. Thank you to the Heads of Faculty, Mrs Michelle McKay and Ms Katie Harris and the Art and Design staff for all the work that went into presenting the display.

I had the pleasure of seeing students involved in the College Play, The Crucible. Besides the superb performances of a sophisticated play, of particular interest was the hive of activity that goes on behind the scenes. Students working alongside staff (Mr Mike Arthur and Ms Jacqueline Flood) with sets, lighting, sound, makeup, hair, stage management, front of house and ushering. It takes many hands to put on a successful show.

The Director’s Choice Gala Concert was a highlight of the Festival of the Arts with student work from media, music and drama on display. It was an opportunity to see the quality of work and performances from throughout the year, with the special effects (projection and lighting) adding to the effectiveness. Thank you to Mr Daniel Pedersen (Technical Operations Manager), Mr Tom Thorneycroft (Theatre Technician) and Mr Michael Cooper (Director of Performing Arts) for their expertise.

Our 2014 Prep students came in for a morning orientation; it was a stark reminder of the excitement and enthusiasm which comes with starting school, along with some nervousness from parents. So it is that time of the year again where much planning for 2014 continues.
A reminder that the Parents and Friends Annual General Meeting will be held on Thursday, 28 November at 7.30pm. If you would like to nominate for positions of President, Deputy President, Treasurer or Secretary or to be on the committee please send an email to: admin@aitkencollege.edu.au.

A group of senior students received a Commendation in the 2013 Planning Excellence Awards with a focus on their project for the urban design of community facilities. Students received their award from the Planning Minister, Matthew Guy.

Congratulations to the following senior Aitken College students who are winners of the 2013 Hume Whittlesea VET/VCAL/SBAT Awards.

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Mrs Josie Crisara  
Principal

Second-Hand Book and Uniform Sale

The Parents and Friends Association will hold its annual second-hand book and uniform sale on Tuesday, 10 December between 3.00pm and 5.00pm in the Senior School building. Details will be provided in forthcoming newsletters.

Mr Steve Craven  
Director of Studies

Valedictory Dinner - Class of 2013 Update

A reminder that tickets to this year’s Valedictory Dinner are now on sale but must close on Monday, 11 November at 11.00pm. We are nearly at full capacity. To purchase your tickets, please log onto www.trybooking.com/63076 which will take you straight into our booking page. Any queries, please contact Brookhill@aitkencollege.edu.au.

Parent & Friends Association News

Preloved Sale Thank You: Our Preloved Sale was held last week in conjunction with the Twilight Music Concert and Open Evening and was a huge success. It was lovely to be on the lawn watching and listening to the acts. Aitken College Parents and Friends Association would like to thank the families and Aitken staff who kindly donated and bought clothing. Thank you to the Committee for their time and efforts before and during the Preloved Sale.

Parent and Friends Volunteers Register: If you are interested in being added to the Volunteers Register please email: admin@aitkencollege.edu.au with your name, email address and phone number. This Register will help us to contact volunteers for assistance when we have a big event, for example, the Preloved Sale. If you are free for some of the time or for the duration of the event we would love for you to be able to help out.

Parents And Friends Association Purchases: Over the past few years, money raised by the Parents and Friends Association has gone towards the purchase of the mid-stage curtain for the Chapel and Performing Arts Centre; mature trees for the College grounds and the recent purchase and installation of the fixed barbecue. The barbecue is located at the back of the Administration Building. The purchase of these items, which have a combined cost of over $16,000, would not have been possible without your support of the Association’s fundraising activities. Thank you.

Tree Drive: Notes have gone home about the tree drive. We would like to invite you to buy a tree and help beautify our school grounds. Trees are $50.00 each for a mature tree. You will receive a Certificate of Appreciation for your purchase. This was a huge success last year, so please help to make it successful again this year. Last year’s trees are looking lovely.

Thats Mine Labels: We have an exciting fundraiser, That’s Mine Labels (www.thatsmine.com.au) are available all year, and are a great way to label uniforms, lunch boxes, books and more. Please click on our school name so we can receive a percentage of your sales.

Annual General Meeting: The Annual General Meeting will be held on Thursday, 28 November 2013 at 7.30pm in the Chapel and Performing Arts Centre (upstairs in the Seminar Room).
**From the Deputy Principal**

**Summer Uniform:** A reminder about two aspects of the summer uniform: the winter parka is not permitted with the College uniform during Terms 1 and 4. However, it may be worn over the PE uniform when extra warmth is needed. It is not appropriate for boys to wear a t-shirt under the open-neck summer shirt. If they require extra warmth, please purchase a singlet or v-necked undergarment that will not be seen at the neck.

**Presentation Night:** Please check that your family’s calendar has reserved Monday, 9 December for Presentation Night; attendance is compulsory for all students from Year 3 to Year 12. This is the one occasion in the year when the College community gathers together to celebrate the achievements of the school and its students. The new venue is The Plenary at the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre; full details will be sent to all families soon.

**Brookhill School Notices**

**Year 12:** As you read this article, Year 12 students will be approaching the half way mark of their final exams. By the end of next week, most Year 12 students will have finished their last exam; in other words, they will have completed their schooling! To these (soon to be former) students, we say thank you for all you have contributed to the life and culture of Aitken College. We also must thank the parents who have sent their children to us to be educated. It has been our pleasure to teach your children and it has been a joy to us to see them grow and develop into the wonderful young women and men they have become. I look forward to seeing all Year 12 students, along with their parents and families at the 2013 Valedictory Dinner. This will be held on Thursday, 21 November at Plenty Ranges Arts and Convention Centre, 35 Ferres Boulevard (off McDonalds Road) in South Morang.

**Upcoming Brookhill Dates:** Year 10 and 11 Exams - The last day of classes for Year 10 and Year 11 students will be on Wednesday, 13 November. Students will have Thursday, 14 November as a study day at home. Exams will run from Friday, 15 November to Thursday, 21 November.

**VCE/VCAL Early Commencement Program:** All current Year 10 and Year 11 students will commence their 2014 VCE Programs on Monday, 25 November. The Early Commencement Program will conclude on Friday, 6 December. All current Year 10 and Year 11 students are required at school for this period.

**Year 11:** On Tuesday, 26 November, all Year 11 students will visit Swinburne University and undertake a series of workshops run by University staff. This excursion will inform students about post-school study options and give them a hands-on experience of post-school University and TAFE study. Students are required to make their own way to and from Swinburne University on this day; full details of this will be distributed to families shortly.

**Glenarthur School Notices**

Our congratulations to the many confident students who have applied for a position of responsibility in 2014 as a Glenarthur School Leader. We are very pleased to acknowledge their application and indeed all who try their very best, regardless of public acclaim - it is ‘not for the sake of a ribboned coat’. [Vitai Lampada “They Pass On The Torch of Life” - Sir Henry Newbolt (1862-1938)]

Our students continue to put thought into action. They listen to the messages and moral values presented at Chapel and then do their best to help, e.g. by supporting the Cancer Council via Bandana Day, or paying due homage to our true heroes by buying poppies for Remembrance Day, 11 November. Another group has assisted the Arts Faculty in setting up for the Arts displays. Having the diverse youth of today partaking in such pivotal events associated with our common nationhood builds the good character from which our society draws its strength.

We offer our thanks to the many Glenarthursians who contributed to making the Festival of the Arts and the Director’s Choice Concert such enjoyable events. Their skills and talents add to our lives. Well done to all of you and special thanks to the faithful Friends of The Arts parents who cooked sausages, organised the kiosk and in true demonstration of service, cleaned up afterwards. We are in your debt.

Thank you to the Glenarthur guides for their support of our Twilight Open Evening. The visitors spoke highly of you. Your pleasant and helpful manner adds value to our College. The guide who reads this and comes to me with the password ‘Felicity’, wins a chocolate bar (barring allergies) or may select from a range of Smiggle items.

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Dunhelen School Notices

On Thursday, 31 October I was privileged to attend the Director’s Choice Gala Concert and was totally amazed. I know I say the same thing every year, but my goodness what talent abounds in this College. We were very lucky to have two of our Dunhelen students perform on the night. I congratulate Holly Brown of 6K and Sarah Lynham of 7S for their outstanding performances; it was wonderful to see them on stage sharing their talent with all. Great work girls!

Again, I remind parents and students that we are coming to a particularly busy time of the year. In some cases, students are starting to feel a bit of pressure. Please help your child in maintaining a routine and assisting them with prioritising their time. It is also important for them to remember that even though the holidays are near, there is much for us to still get through. I would also like to remind students that the rules for uniform will not relax and that they should be presenting to school in proper, neat appearance. I thank the so many Dunhelen students who wear their uniform with pride and always look immaculate. Well done Dunhelen!

Thursday, 14 November is Year 7, 2014 Orientation Day. Year 7 students are not required to attend school on the day, except for those who have volunteered their assistance. Year 6 students are to come to school in appropriate casual clothing. They are to bring a snack and a drink. A sausage sizzle will be provided for lunch. It will be a wonderful opportunity for the students to meet some of their peers for next year.

Cumberland School Notices

It gives me great pleasure to provide the results of the various Maths Week activities. The overall winner of the House Competition was Cameron House. Although they did not win the automatic response part of the competition they did well in the lead-up activities. Millar came 2nd, Brodie 3rd and Clarke 4th.

Here are the results of the estimation competitions:

| Year 3 | Tara Kumarapparuma |
| Year 4 | Teia Klaric |
| Year 5 | Declan Saunders |
| Super Surprise | Ashley Goodwin |
| Teachers | Mrs Weaver |
| Parents | John Costin |

The Great Snakes and Ladders Challenge winners were:

| 3B | Riley Peters |
| 3W | David Angove |
| 4R | Maya Qureshi |
| 4S | Jamain El-Shahawy |
| 5H | Nathan Baker |
| 5MG | Joshua Noone |

Maths is a part of our everyday lives, often when we do not realise it. The Cumberland children wrote plays that were judged on entertainment value and mathematical content. The winning plays at each Year level were presented at the House Maths Competition: Year 3 Brodie, Year 4 Millar and Year 5 Cameron.

The Maths stalls raised $1531.60. These days provide an opportunity to experience dealing with money in a real life situation and the opportunity for community service. I would like to thank the parents and children who donated goods and baked yummy cakes and other eatables. We raised enough money to pay the postage required by Samaritan’s Purse for the shoe boxes. The remainder will be spent by the Cumberland School Captains, purchasing Christmas presents for local children (through Uniting Church Care), and for children who have lost their homes in the NSW bush fires. By doing this, all Cumberland children will see how their money has been spent and will know that they have helped to give a child a gift at Christmas. All children think about presents at Christmas and to receive nothing on Christmas morning is ever so sad.

Fairview School Notices

During Open Evening the College was busy with many new and old faces, but it was the ‘old’ faces that were the surprise. Former students came back to visit Fairview and discussed how they missed Aitken College. They came through slowly as the night progressed and I was surprised to see so many. I was proud of their accomplishments and honoured that these young people made the time to visit. I asked many of them why their schooling was special and they shared fond and ‘cheeky’ memories of their school. A few mentioned how their teachers always made the time to listen to them. Under any circumstances the teachers were responsive and ‘always there to listen!’
They spoke of developing resiliency, life skills and healthy relationships. We tend to forget about these factors of schooling and focus on the academics, but as one student said, ‘if you are happy you can do anything and I was happy at Aitken College.’ One of my favourite quotes encompasses how powerful effective ‘listening’ can be within a community.

Whatever difficulty you face, there are time-tried ways you can listen your way through. Because listening is the doorway to everything that matters. It enlivens the heart the way breathing enlivens the lungs. We listen to awaken our heart. We do this to stay vital and alive. – Mark Nepo

**Chaplain’s Corner**

Last week in Chapel we focused on the Bible reading: Luke 12:13-21 (‘The Foolish Farmer’, or sometimes referred to as ‘The Rich Fool’). I explained in Chapel the abundance that God gives to each one of us through our gifts and talents. I also drew on this theme for our Aitken Can Dance evening, reflecting on the theme that our talents are God’s gifts to us. What we do with them is our gift back to God. When we use and share the gifts that God has given us, I believe we are given more to share. God’s abundance is multiplied when we spread it around! Like God’s love for example, the more we share it around, the greater our capacity to love! I encourage our whole community to not be afraid to use our abundant gifts and talents in a way that celebrates and honours God.

This poem, called ‘Offering’, written by Joy Cowley, may be used as a prayer:

_O God, I reach out to you as a child reaches for its mother, and like a child I offer you a special gift of love._

_It’s something unique. In all the history of the universe there has never been another like it._

_It’s something of great beauty, small and fragile, yet amazingly strong._

_It has all the colours of the rainbow, a gift of shimmering contrast,_

_And I offer it exactly as it is, without any wrapping, because you already know it better than I do._

_So here it is, my God, with all my love and gratitude, the gift you made, the gift you cherish, the gift of me._

When we share the gifts and talents that God has given us, our whole community is richer!

**Rev Jeanne Beale**

**Chaplain**

**Languages Faculty**

**Year 11 Indonesian Class Visit to SBS Radio:** On 21 October five of our Year 11 Indonesian students were invited to visit SBS Radio and participate in the Indonesian program which broadcasts in Bahasa Indonesia nationally three times a week and enjoys a considerable online audience in Indonesia. The program aims to promote multiculturalism and to build common understanding between Indonesia and Australia. The visit gave the students a unique opportunity to practise their language skills through participating in on-air broadcasting. As a result of sitting through the live broadcast they also experienced a national radio station in action. The program host, Sri, asked the students a series of questions about their interests and experience in learning Indonesian. Sri was very generous in her praise of their determination to learn Bahasa Indonesia and their skills in responding to her questions. Thank you to William Kerry, Alycia Manuel, Sean Samson, Rachael Weston and Poromito Yang for participating in the excursion and representing Aitken College on national radio.

**Performing Arts News**

The feedback we have received over the past couple of weeks has been wonderful. Appreciative audiences attended the *Twilight Music Concert* and *The Director’s Choice Gala Concert*. Thank you to all of the staff students and parents who assisted in running the two events.

The *Twilight Music Concert* which was put together by Mr Aaron Searle and Ms Monét Hawkins featured a large number of students ranging from Year 1 to Year 12. The event certainly helped to showcase the College during the open evening.

Some pictures have been included from *The Director’s Choice Concert* which was attended by almost three hundred people. Again, students from a wide range of Year levels performed and there were many highlights. Many families attended this Concert for the first time and I have personally been approached by numerous people complimenting the students on the standard of performance which was achieved and many saying this Concert will become an annual event for them too. My thanks to all of the Performing Arts staff, as well as many others, who contributed to making the event a success.
The Music Count Us In event was also a great success with all of the primary students gathering in the Chapel and Performing Arts Centre at 12.30pm last Thursday and joining over 800,000 others around Australia in singing the same song at the same time. Thank you to Ms Beth Thomson for the great organisation of this event.

Last Friday, in the space of about twenty minutes, over five hundred of the one thousand tickets available for the Fairview Concert were snapped up. As we go to print, there are no tickets available for the first show on 13 November and just under fifty remain for the second performance on 19 November.

Due to the high demand for tickets, we have decided to run a third performance to accommodate those families who have missed out. This performance will take place at 9.30am on Friday, 15 November. Tickets are on sale at trybooking.com/65133 as of 9.00am on Saturday, 9 November.

Mr Michael Cooper
Director of Performing Arts

Congratulations to Jessica Anderson Year 11: Jessica recently competed in the State Championships representing Aitken College in Long Jump and Triple Jump. Jessica finished 3rd in triple jump with a jump of 11.09m and 1st in long jump with a jump of 5.40m. Jessica now has the opportunity to compete at the Australian Nationals which will be held in Townsville in four weeks. She also has the opportunity to compete in Sydney in March next year for both the long jump and triple jump. This is a magnificent effort and we wish her all the very best. Well done!

Mrs Christine Pocervina
Head of Faculty Physical Education

Visual Arts News

Buying Of The Text Book Art Investigator By Michele Stockley for $ 20.00: The Visual Arts Faculty would like to purchase sixty copies of the text book Art Investigator by Michele Stockley to keep as class sets. This text book is no longer on the book list for Year 9 and Year 10 Visual Arts. The school is offering $20.00 for each secondhand book in good condition. If you would like to sell your copy, please print and sign the letter which is attached to the newsletter before Friday, 29 November 2013. Ask your child to bring the signed form and the text book to Mrs McKay (Head of Visual Arts in office V7). Alternatively, your child can ask for a hard copy at school, office V7. Your child will be given a receipt and $20.00 will be deducted from your child’s 2014 school fee account. If your child is not returning to the school and you would like to sell the text book cash can be arranged.

Mrs Michelle McKay
Head of Visual Arts

Aitken College Chartered Bus Service
Expressions of Interest for 2014

There is the possibility of limited vacancies on the following Aitken College chartered services for Term 1, 2014. The current Oak Park and Essendon runs have been re-structured to cover more areas. The charter runs for 2014 will therefore be:

Airport West: Airport West, Gowanbrae, Tullamarine, Gladstone Park, Attwood

Essendon: Essendon, Oak Park, Glenroy, Broadmeadows, Meadow Heights

Roxburgh Park run: Roxburgh Park (which includes an area of South Craigieburn)

Greenvale run: Greenvale

Sunbury run: Sunbury via Bulla

If you are interested in using this service in 2014, please contact Diana Cohn on 9333 1866.

Greenvale United Soccer Club

Greenvale United Soccer Club is seeking enthusiastic and talented young players to join our U7’s - U18 boys and girls teams. Players looking to succeed at any endeavour need the support of those who care about their development. At Greenvale United Soccer Club we will endeavour to provide the highest form of support that you would expect and demand. From the dedicated club President through to the enthusiastic committee, qualified and certified coaches, focus on the development of your child will be paramount.

Registration Days: Sunday, 2 February, Saturday, 8 February and Sunday, 9 February, 2014 at the “Home of the Panthers”, Barrymore Road Recreation Reserve, Barrymore Road, Greenvale

Enquiries: Sam Campagna (Secretary) 0414 330 003 or Hilmi Mina (President) 0425 748 871

Coaching positions available for junior teams - apply in writing to: president@greenvaleunited.net.au or Greenvale United Soccer Club www.greenvaleunited.net.au

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Dear Parents

RE: Buying of the text book *Art Investigator* by Michele Stockley for $20.00

The Visual Arts Faculty would like to purchase 60 copies of the text book *Art Investigator* by Michele Stockley to keep as class sets. This text book is no longer on the book list for Years 9 and 10 Visual Arts. The school is offering $20.00 for each second hand book in good condition.

If you would like to sell your copy please complete and sign the form below before Friday 29 November 2013. Ask your child to bring the signed form and the text book to Mrs McKay (Head of Visual Arts), office V7. Your child will be given a receipt and $20.00 will be deducted from your child’s 2014 school fee account.

If your child is not returning to the school and you would like to sell the text book cash can be arranged.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely

(Mrs) Michelle McKay
Head of Visual Arts

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Receipt for 1 x Text book called *Art Investigator* by Michele Stockley

*(Please sign & return this form with the text book to Mrs McKay by 29/11/2013)*

I agree to sell the text book *Art Investigator* to the College for the cost of $20.00 I understand that this amount will be deducted from my child’s school fees in 2014.

Name of student: …………………………………………………………………

Name of Parent/Guardian (Please print):…………………………………………………………

Signed: …………………………………… (Parent/Guardian) Date: …………………

I have received your copy of the text book *Art Investigator* by Michelle Stockley; $20.00 will be deducted from your child’s account in 2014.

Signed (Mrs Michelle McKay):……………………………………………………Date:…………………………

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