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 Centre, 2 Clarendon Street, Southbank not Dallas Brooks Hall.

OPEN EVENING
WEDNESDAY, 30 OCTOBER 2013
4.00PM to 7.00PM

Thought: “With faith, you can achieve anything. Faith is the foundation for the realisation of God.” Sai Baba

From the Principal

This week we farewelled our Year 12 students on what was a lovely celebration of their time here at Aitken College. This year I have had the pleasure of speaking with each of the Year 12 students to discuss their aspirations, passions and leadership. They were reminded that they will always be a part of the fabric that is Aitken College.

My message to the students focussed on an old Cherokee Indian story.

An old Cherokee chief was teaching his grandson about life...
"A fight is going on inside me," he said to the boy.
"It is a terrible fight and it is between two wolves.
"One is evil - he is anger, envy, sorrow, regret, greed, arrogance, self-pity, guilt, resentment, inferiority, lies, false pride, superiority, self-doubt, and ego.
"The other is good - he is joy, peace, love, hope, serenity, humility, kindness, benevolence, empathy, generosity, truth, compassion, and faith.
"This same fight is going on inside you - and inside every other person, too."
The grandson thought about it for a minute and then asked his grandfather, Which wolf will win?"
The old chief simply replied, The one you feed.

This is such a powerful story; so simple and yet so true. Each and every one of us has these two wolves running around inside us. The Evil Wolf or the Good Wolf is fed daily by the choices we make with our thoughts. What you think about and dwell upon will in a sense appear in your life and influence your behavior. Feed the Evil Wolf and your world will turn negative: like poison, this will slowly eat away at your soul. Feed the Good Wolf and it will show up in your character, habits and behavior.

It was great to see many parents, grandparents, siblings come along to share in this celebration as it does mark an end of an era for the Graduating Class of 2013.

Mrs Josie Crisara
Principal
Term Fees Payment Dates for 2014

Please note the correction to the “Fee Payment Options - 2014” notice previously mailed. The 2014 Term 2 fees are due and payable on Monday, 28 April 2014. The amended “Fee Payment Options - 2014” notice is attached.

Mr Petar Gajic
Finance Manager

Parent & Friends Association

Preloved Sale - 30 October 4.00pm to 7.00pm: Aitken Parents and Friends are having a Preloved School Uniform Sale on Wednesday, 30 October (cash only sale) on the lawn area in front of the school while the Twilight Music Concert is taking place. If you have anything you wish to donate for the Preloved Sale please drop them to Reception. Please ensure all items are in good condition.

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.

Tree Drive: Our 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.

That’s Mine Labels: We have an exciting fundraiser, That’s Mine Labels www.thatsmine.com.au which is available all year. It is great to label your child’s uniform items, 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.

From the Deputy Principal

Early Commencement Program: Later this term we launch our first VCE/VCAL Early Commencement Program. For two weeks from Monday, 25 November, current Year 10 and Year 11 students will commence their 2014 courses; this will give them a head-start to coursework and assessment and enable some meaningful homework to be set for the holiday period to ensure that the New Year in February kicks off with a firm foundation.

Website and Calendar: Please remember that the Aitken College website includes both the College Calendar and next year’s Term Dates under the News/Events tab.

Presentation Night Monday 9 December: All families will have noted that the venue for Presentation Night has changed to the Melbourne Exhibition and Convention Centre. Full details will be sent home before the event.

Mr Kim Forward
Deputy Principal

Brookhill School Notices

On behalf of the entire Aitken College community, I would like to thank the departing Year 12 students for their outstanding contribution to the Aitken community during their time here. I congratulate them on all they have achieved and extend the best wishes of myself and the Senior School team to each and every one for their future beyond Aitken.

Mr David Murphy
Head of Brookhill

VCAL News

Last week, Miss Emma Myers, from Awards Victoria, presented six Year 12 students with the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award. The students have all worked hard to achieve their goals and are to be congratulated on their efforts. The VCAL students have also recently participated in the Rotary Youth Driver Awareness program which aims to equip young people with the tools and knowledge they need to stay safe on the road. The interactive sessions included covering topics such as hazard perception, distraction management, vehicle safety, stopping distance, fatigue and listening to the experiences of a crash survivor. The students have also helped in the recent Year 10 Music Recital Concert by setting and packing up for the evening and assisting with the catering during the night.
Glenarthur School Notices

Our thanks to you parents for encouraging your children to be involved in a range of College activities. This list of assembly topics will give you an idea of how your children support their school:

- The Physical Education Faculty staff send their thanks for supporting the Fun Run and for the donation.
- Thanks to all in advance, for supporting the Glenarthur Social this Friday, and a special word of praise for taking the time to dress neatly and respect the occasion and each other.
- Congratulations to all Glenarthur students who were involved in the College Play, ‘The Crucible’. Your steady commitment and enthusiasm created enjoyment for the audience.
- Thank you to all who have submitted their names to be Student Leaders in 2014.
- House and Class Captains are assisting with tours for the Twilight Open Evening next Wednesday, 30 October.
- Thank you for buying bandanas to support CanTeen, the Victorian Cancer Council’s youth section.
- Poppies for Remembrance Day is our next fundraiser.

Dunhelen School Notices

As we are now into our third week of Term 4, all students are required to wear their full summer uniform to school each day. This means that winter parkas should be packed away until Term 2 next year, as they are a winter uniform item only. I would like to remind all parents and students that blazers must be worn to and from school each day. If the weather is forecast above 25 degrees Celsius, teachers will permit students to leave the College without their blazer on; however, blazers should be at school every day. A reminder to parents that girl’s dresses should fall below the kneecap. If your daughter’s dress is shorter than the prescribed length, please drop the hem at your earliest convenience.

Year 7 Orientation Day is happening on Thursday, 14 November. This means that current Year 7 students are not required at school (apart from a handful of students who have volunteered to assist on the day). Current Year 6 students are required at school during normal school hours, but are permitted to come to school in casual clothes. Please ensure your child is wearing clothes and shoes that are appropriate for school. They will meet with their Year 6 homeroom teacher as normal before and after the Orientation Day program. A BBQ lunch will be provided and students are required to bring their own snack to school. It is sure to be a great day and offers the opportunity for students to meet the new students joining our school.

Thank you to all the students who participated in Dunhelen’s Healthy Lunch Day during Wellbeing Week. It was great to see so many healthy, home-prepared lunches at school on this day. It was a very close competition but congratulations to 6D for earning the most points on the day. The plaque has been engraved and hung in their classroom. Well done 6D!

We are coming to one of the busiest times of the year so I remind all students to remain focussed and do the best you can. As you may have noticed there are many assessment pieces due and I encourage you all to prioritise your time, and work hard, but also remember to ‘play’ a little. If you are feeling overwhelmed please speak to your subject teacher and try to work things out before due dates arrive. Keep up the fantastic work Dunhelen!

Cumberland School Notices

Maths Week, a huge week on the Cumberland calendar is over and a successful week it was too. There were stalls on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday with the proceeds going to Operation Christmas Child. There was an estimation competition and the Great Snakes and Ladders Challenge. The week culminated with the House competition on Thursday where the winning Maths plays were showcased and prizes awarded. The results of the House competition will be in the next newsletter, as will the amount raised from the stalls.

Mrs Jenny Lilley
VCAL Co-ordinator

Mr Shelton Bond & Mrs Elpis Vlahopoulos
Head and Assistant Head of Glenarthur

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

Renas, Jenny and Sarah at their stall
Each year the College purchases Maths badges for the children. The slogans on this year’s badges were Maths Rules (Year 3), Maths Helps me Divide my Problems (Year 4) and I am in my Prime (Year 5). These badges, produced by the Mathematics Association of Victoria are actually designed by students in a competition held from time to time. A competition was held this year and a design by our own Yvette Goyena (4R) received one of the runner-up prizes. A very surprised and delighted Yvette received a certificate and a $50.00 education voucher. Congratulations Yvette! We are very proud of you.

Ms Barbara Wyatt
Head of Cumberland

Fairview School Notices

This year, all of the Fairview students will be performing in a concert incorporating music, dance and drama. Students have begun their rehearsals and each of the items will showcase the varied talents of the students involved. There will be two performances, the first on Wednesday, 13 November and the second on Tuesday, 19 November. Both shows will begin at 6.30pm. Performances will be in the Chapel and Performing Arts Centre at Aitken College.

Tickets (adults and children) are $5.00 and are available via the website: www.trybooking.com. The students performing in the concert do not require a ticket. Tickets will be on sale from Friday, 1 November. Tickets will not be available at the door and must be pre-booked. Please note you will need to print out your own tickets when booking. Please do not leave empty seats beside your booking as this concert is very popular. Also, please note that building regulations require all audience members over the age of 18 months occupy their own seat. The taking of video and photographs during the performance is not allowed. This becomes distracting to other audience members and the children performing. At Aitken College, acquiring skills in all aspects of performance is important and the teachers aim to teach audience members to display appropriate theatre etiquette. We hope that you will support us in this endeavour and ensure that your children follow the required protocol and display skills as a polite audience member or performer.

Ms Kerrie Neophytou
Head of Fairview

Careers News

Year 12 Students: Students who have made timely applications through VTAC but not yet paid their processing fee of $27.00 should do so as soon as possible. Preferences will not be forwarded to tertiary institutions until payment is made. A Change of Preference Information Pack will be emailed to all Year 12 students in mid November. This will provide details about the results and selection timeline through to February 2014, accessing results, the availability of Careers staff during December and Change of Preference information for the tertiary institutions.

Career News 16: The sixteenth 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/. Edition 16 contains information about mini Change of Preference expos at tertiary institutions, a medical reception course, NECA electrical apprenticeships Readiness Assessments, scholarships at William Angliss, a new graduate entry Pharmacy program at Monash, a new Bachelor of Fashion Merchandising course at Box Hill, Federation University and more. You are also welcome to contact Careers staff in B21 or via email: careers@aitkencollege.edu.au or by telephone to 9333 1866.

Mrs Clare Borg and Ms Rae Gibbs
Careers Advisers

Chaplain's Corner

I would like to encourage all school families to watch the 10 minute YouTube clip of the story of Brooke Richardson. Last week I was playing hockey against people who had known Brooke, and they were handing out bumper stickers, ribbons and wrist bands to encourage people to make a pledge to stop texting (or using the mobile) while driving. I have made a pledge to never call or text, or even read a text while driving and I encourage you, for the sake of not only your family and friends, but for the whole College family, to do the same; a needless death like Brooke’s shatters everyone in the surrounding community. I may have come home with a medal, but more importantly, I came home with a drive to honour Brooke’s memory and keep alive as many of my precious community as I can. I pray that you will think before you text and stay safe!

Rev Jeanne Beale
Chaplain

Environmental Programs

Aitken College has been recognised as a finalist for the Resource Smart Biodiversity School of the Year Award! We have been invited to the Resource Smart Awards, not only to potentially accept an award, but also to conduct a presentation about the interactive nature walk through the science garden which the Year 10 Environmental Science elective class has been working on this semester. We are looking forward to sharing this project with other schools across Victoria at the Resource Smart awards on 8 November. Wish us luck!

Ms Cristy Herron
Head of Environmental Programs

Rev Jeanne Beale
Chaplain
Equestrian News

Melbourne Equestrian Vaulting: The youngest members of the Aitken Vaulting Team achieved some excellent results in the Australian National Championships in September. Olivia Marples, Cheyanne Fuller and Mackenzie Chetwynd-Brown performed individually and as a squad in a number of classes. This was the girls’ first competitive performance as they have only been doing this sport for a very short time which makes their achievements even more outstanding. Well done girls, you are going places fast in the world of equestrian vaulting!

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Below is a collage of each participant doing some really challenging things.

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 and Mackenzie Chetwynd-Brown.

Performing Arts News

Thank you to all involved in helping present the Year 10 Music Recital during the first week of term. The twenty Year 10 students were wonderfully supported by the Year 11 Music Technical Production students who managed the set up and operation, as well as the VCAL students who handled the catering side of the night. This concert provided a great real world example of setting up and running a sit-down, catered concert for over one hundred guests. The students worked incredibly well under the pressure of the night and presented an entertaining concert. Well done to the particular staff involved; Ms Monét Hawkins, Mr Aaron Searle and Mrs Jenny Lilley. Our special thanks goes to Jennifer and Steven Mantynen who managed the kitchen.

Congratulations to Mr Mike Arthur, Ms Jacqueline Flood and the entire cast and crew on a monumental effort in staging Arthur Miller’s classic play, The Crucible. The challenge was set from day one, inviting the audience into the space and performing the play ‘in the round’. Their great effort was appreciated by near capacity audiences throughout the three performances.

Next week our annual Arts Festival takes place, when in conjunction with the Art and Design Show, Performing Arts will present three main events. The first, along with Open Evening will be the Twilight Music Concert on Wednesday, 30 October. This free outdoor event takes place on the lawn at the front of Reception between 4.00pm and 7.00pm. Friends of the Arts will be selling BBQ food and soft drinks, while the Cafe2You van and an ice-cream vendor will also be in attendance. Bring along a chair or picnic blanket and share in the wonderful music.

On Thursday, 31 October all of the students in the Primary School will take part in the Music Count Us In event, joining thousands of students all around Australia who will sing the same song together at 12.30pm in the Chapel and Performing Arts Centre courtyard.

On Thursday evening, 31 October. The Director’s Choice Gala Concert brings together items from throughout the year in a type of end of year celebration. The work of students in Music, Drama, Media and Primary Performing Arts will be on show in this two-hour concert. Tickets are $9.70 (plus booking fee) or four tickets for $30.00 (plus booking fee) are available now from http://www.trybooking.com/60315. For many of our Year 12 students, this becomes their final opportunity to perform at the College but it will feature students from Year 3 upwards re-staging the performances which I feel have been the highlights of this year.
Tickets also go on sale next week, (Friday, 1 November) for this year’s Fairview Concert - Once Upon An Adventure. Students in Prep to Year 2 ‘will strut their stuff’ on stage for two performances, 13 November and 19 November, both commencing at 6.30pm. All tickets are $5.00 and are available now from www.trybooking.com. Tickets will not be available at the door but must be booked online up until one hour before each performance. Students performing do not require a ticket.

Finally, well done to our VCE Music, Theatre Studies and Media students who have all basically completed the practical components of their studies. Preparing monologues, a musical repertoire or a short film takes a great deal of creative energy and the investment they make can sometimes seem over in a heartbeat. The Performing Arts staff are incredibly proud of all the efforts our students have made and we wish them the best for their written exams and awaiting those all important results.

Mr Michael Cooper
Director of Performing Arts

Visual Arts News

Art and Design Exhibition Opens Next Week: The annual Art and Design Exhibition opens next Tuesday and will be held in VCE Building one and continue in the foyer of the Chapel and Performing Arts Centre. On behalf of all the Visual Arts and Design and Technology staff I invite all families, students, staff and friends to attend this year’s exhibition.

Some of the highlights will be the senior student work, the portraits, three dimensional sculpture and the photography. We aim to include a wide selection to showcase the talent and variety of work completed during the year. Wednesday and Thursday nights will be late closing. I hope you can all come to see it, and attend the performances. The Twilight Music Concert on Wednesday evening and the Director’s Choice Gala Concert on Thursday.

The times and dates for the Art and Design Exhibition are as follows:

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Invitations have been attached to the newsletter in digital format. To reduce paper we will not be printing hard copy invitations this year. You can also refer to the Aitken College website for full details of the Festival of the Arts program.

Mrs Michelle McKay
Head of Faculty Visual Arts
OSHC NEWS

Welcome to Term 4!
It’s an exciting time of year as Christmas is approaching and there are plenty of activities planned to keep your children thoroughly entertained.

SunSMART!
Please remember to pack a spare hat in your child’s bag so they can participate in outdoor play. It’s sunsmart season so we need to make sure all children are protected. Spare hats can be left at the program if this is easier.

Room Changes
A reminder that the school Art Show will be taking place again soon. Our OSHC space will be housing the show, so from 29 October until 6 November all of OSHC - Before Care and After Care sessions will be held at the regular art room venue. (Building with cow motif on the side next to the Chapel and Performing Arts Centre). Thank you for your understanding.

REMINDEERS

How to get started: Before using our programs you must register online for an account. Registering is quick and easy. Visit our website to begin www.campaaustralia.com.au

Once registered you can make bookings and cancellations, view your statements and manage your details anytime of the day online. Keep in mind we are able to take bookings at short notice to help busy families.

Save on Care: You can save 50% or more on Before and After School Care fees with the non-means tested Child Care Rebate. Almost all families are eligible. To find out more call our Customer Service Team on 1300 105 343 Monday to Friday.

Staff for Term 4
Olanda (Co-ordinator), Jody (Co-ordinator), Hatice and Paola our two leaders, please feel free to approach any of us for any assistance required.

WHAT’S ON THIS WEEK

AFTER
SCHOOL
CARE

MONDAY
Halloween crafts
Part 1 - Ghosts
Homework time
Outdoor play
Computer time

TUESDAY
Scobies
Rainbow plates
Cooking - TBC
Movies
Outdoor play

WEDNESDAY
Drawing
Beading
Outdoor games
Charades:
Halloween themed

THURSDAY
Halloween crafts
Part 2 - Pumpkin Heads
Outdoor games
Computer time

FRIDAY
Group games
Computer time
Homework
Beading
Drawing

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FEE PAYMENT OPTIONS - 2014

The following options are available for payment of 2014 fee accounts:

a) **Annual Payment**
   Pay by 31 January 2014 and receive a 5% discount on the Tuition Fee. Late applications will not be accepted.

   The annual payment is for fees and all compulsory activities including excursions, diaries, year book and other levies. All camp fees, charter bus charges, and other non compulsory activities are still payable on a term basis, due the end of the first week of each term on the dates detailed below.

b) **Term Payment**
   Term fees are due and payable by the Friday of the first week of each term. Note, term two is an exception due to Anzac Day falling on the Friday.

   For 2014 the due dates are:
   - Term 1: Friday, 7 February 2014
   - Term 2: Monday, 28 April 2014
   - Term 3: Friday, 25 July 2014
   - Term 4: Friday, 10 October 2014

   Note: Year 12 fees are charged over terms one to three. Refer to the Fee Schedule - 2014

c) **Instalment Method**
   Any other payment methods must be arranged with the approval of the Finance Manager. Note: Instalments do not roll over from previous years.

**GENERAL NOTES**
Accounts will be issued four times a year, and will be payable by Friday of the first week of each term. Term 1 accounts will be issued mid January. Accounts for Terms 2, 3 & 4 will be issued during the last week of the preceding term.

**COLLEGE BANK ACCOUNT**
Fees may be paid by EFT into the College bank account.

   Account Name: Aitken College
   Account BSB & Number: 063-179 10123101

BPAY facilities are available – refer to Term Statements for details.

**LATE PAYMENT**
   a) For fees paid per term, a late fee of $55.00 per term applies.
   b) For fees paid by an approved instalment arrangement, a late fee of $22.00 per period.
Tuesday 29 October
Exhibition opens: 3.30pm - 5.00pm

Wednesday 30 October
Exhibition hours: 8.30am - 7.00pm
College Open Evening
4.00pm - 7.00pm
Twilight Music Concerts
(outdoor stage)
3.30pm - 7.00pm
BBQ food on sale, Cafe2U
and Ice-cream Van

Thursday 31 October
Exhibition hours:
8.30am - 7.30pm
Director’s Choice Gala Concert
(CPA) 7.30pm
Tickets $9.70 (+b/f) or
groups of four $30 (+b/f)
http://www.trybooking.com/60315

Friday 1 November
Exhibition hours: 8.30am - 5.00pm
Exhibition Venue: VCE Building 1
and the CPA Foyer
Aitken College,
1010 Mickleham Road
Greenvale, 3059
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