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.

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Thought: “True enjoyment comes from activity of the mind and exercise of the body; the two are ever united.” Alexander von Humboldt

From the Principal

The Leaders Induction Assembly was held on Tuesday, 25 February and it was an opportunity for us to induct the College and School leaders.

- **Leadership involves getting things started and facilitating change. There is a need to:**
  - Be inspirational
  - Be motivational
  - Get jobs done
  - Make positive contributions.

Leadership involves persistence and determination, where brave and wise choices are made. Leaders need followers and every effort should be made to thank those who assist and contribute. Students were encouraged to seek mentors and read biographies as there is much to learn from others who have led.

Open Day saw over 300 visitors. Our student leaders did a wonderful job engaging visitors on tours and providing information about the school. They are our best marketing personnel!

Parenting Ideas Club is a new online parenting centre founded by Michael Grose. You can now get expert advice at every stage of your child’s development. You can become a member at Parentingideasclub.com.au today where you will find useful links and resources on a range of parenting topics. I encourage parents to make use of this resource.
Alumni Reunion: The Year 12 Alumni Reunion for the Class of 2012 was held on Friday, 21 February with 45 past students in attendance. It was great to hear of their transitions in study and work.

One of our students, Johnathon Moore, from the Class of 2013 recently had the opportunity to travel to the USA to be involved with a mixture of band and marching rehearsals in Los Angeles, performed in San Diego including the “Big Balloon Parade” and at the Tuscan Ranch Corps. Highlights of the trip included the march in the Rose Bowl Parade, the 150th time the Salvation Army marched in this event, visiting the theme parks, Hollywood, and performing with the Pasadena Tabernacle Youth Choir. Johnathon appreciates the support provided by the College and many others to give him the opportunity to participate in this journey. These are some of the exciting things our students do.

Mrs Josie Crisara
Principal

Position Available - Parking Officer

Aitken College wishes to appoint a Parking Officer, to work from 2.30pm to 3.30pm each day, to assist with the flow of traffic in the car park. Expressions of interest should be emailed to the Deputy Principal at: kforward@aitkencollege.edu.au

Tax File Number Forms

ATO forms and parent-permission forms are available from Mr Agnew in room G11. The student must be aged 13 or over. This is possibly the easiest process for students to obtain a tax file number, as the College certifies proof of age and identity, without the need for a range of identifying documents parents would normally be required to submit if applying to the ATO directly.

TIMSS Testing – Selected Year 9 Maths Classes

Two of our Year 9 Mathematics classes have been selected to take part in the Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study (TIMSS) - Field Trial. TIMSS is an important educational research project investigating student achievement in Mathematics and Science. More than 60 countries, including Australia, are participating in this study. TIMSS is an important activity to keep us, as parents and citizens, informed about how our students in Australia are performing in comparison to their peers in other countries and to compare programs of study and teaching practices. From it, we will obtain current national and international information which will help improve the teaching and learning of mathematics and science in our country.

Selected students will do an assessment in Mathematics and Science and complete a questionnaire about their experiences at home and at school. There is no need for students to study specifically for the assessment as it will not affect individual students’ grades or progress at school. All data will be kept strictly confidential and no individual student or school will be identifiable in published data or reports.

The testing will take place on Friday, 21 March between 9.00am and 12.00pm. If your son or daughter is a participant you will be notified by letter. If you have any questions about TIMSS testing, please feel free to contact me.

Ms Kerri Batch
Director of Teaching and Learning

Parents and Friends Association News

Trivia Night: Do not forget to purchase your tickets for the Parents & Friends Trivia night, 21 March at 7.00pm as tickets are selling fast. It will be a great night of fun and laughter, with some brilliant prizes and a fantastic silent auction, so do not miss out. BYO food and alcohol and there will be soft drink, tea and coffee available to purchase. Thank you to everyone who has donated a prize. If your business would like to donate please email admin@aitkencollege.edu.au. Some of the amazing prizes/silent auction items will be:

- Coffee Machine
- Wine
- Trenz Uniform Shop Vouchers
- Hot Shots Tennis Lessons
- Tennis Pack
- Greenvale Music School Lessons
- Envie Fitness Vouchers
- Fernwood Vouchers
- Shiatsu massage
- Tupperware
- Bunnings Vouchers
**Community Business Directory:** It is the last week for openings in the Community Business Directory so, if you have a business you would like to promote please send in your form. It is a fantastic way for school families to advertise their businesses to each other and with a potential reach of over 800 families viewing the website and newsletter is exceptional value for money. Do not miss out.

**Hot Cross Buns:** It is nearly Easter and it is Hot Cross Bun time! Enjoy the wonderful taste of Hot Cross Buns this Easter, while also helping to raise funds for great facilities your child can use around the school. Bakers Delight Milleara Mall are kindly assisting us with this great opportunity to provide Hot Cross Buns to our school community. You will get six delicious Hot Cross Buns for $7.00, with four different varieties to choose from. Remember to ask family and friends if they would like to order some too, there is no minimum order. Look out for an order form attached to the newsletter and in your child’s notes folder. For more forms please email admin@aitkencollege.edu.au. Hot Cross Buns will be handed out to students on Wednesday, 26 March.

**High Tea:** Our Mothers Day High Tea is going to be a sought after affair with limited tickets to this exclusive event. Tickets will be going on sale shortly so pencil Sunday, 4 May into your diaries.

**Pre-Loved Uniform Sale:** Do not miss out on our first Pre-Loved Uniform Sale of the year which will be held on the last day of term Thursday, 3 April from 3.00pm onwards, in the Chapel and Performing Arts Centre foyer. Grab a bargain! Spaces are $5.00 each; email admin@aitkencollege.edu.au to book your space.

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**From the Deputy Principal**

**Traffic:** In monitoring traffic recently, several observations are worth emphasising:

- Children should never be expected to walk across roadways; please only allow your children to use paths and pedestrian crossings. Their safety is paramount and we adults must set the right example.
- The ring road on the eastern side of the school is for drop-off and pick-up only. Drivers should not leave vehicles unattended; to park and stay, please use either of the two car parks.
- Parking places are hardest to find at about 3.00pm; delay your arrival until after 3.20pm and you will find it far easier to park; your children are well able to wait until then to be collected.
- Please observe the times when traffic is one-way only along the bus zone; 8.00am - 8.45am and 2.45pm - 4.00pm.

**Myki Cards:** Over 200 students use the public bus services (Tullamarine Bus Lines) each day. I have been informed that a majority of these are not touching on and off with their Myki cards. Public Transport Victoria are aware of this and can be expected to have inspectors board these buses in the near future; students who have not used their card will be fined. We are doing all we can to encourage students to obey the law; I ask parents to do likewise. If your child’s Myki card doesn’t seem to need topping up then they may not be using it! You can go online at Myki and check whether your child’s card is registering each day – it is cheaper than a substantial fine. The other serious concern this raises is that if the numbers of students that Myki counts on the bus is far less than actually use it, we are at risk of the services being reduced rather than increased as we would prefer.

**Brookhill School Notices**

**Clean Up Australia Day:** I would like to start this week’s Newsletter article by congratulating the Year 11 student group on their participation in Clean up Australia Schools Day on Friday, 28 February. On this day, all Year 11 students went to the Williamstown foreshore area and took part in rubbish clean up. The Aitken effort was a part of a national clean up that took place over the weekend Friday, 28 February to Sunday, 2 March.

Every student involved participated enthusiastically in our cleanup effort and a huge pile of rubbish was collected. Our efforts were noticed, with several local people personally thanking students and staff members on the day. The students involved gained a lot from the experience. In addition to seeing just how much rubbish was to be found in an area that looked to be fairly clean at first sight, they also learnt how satisfying it can be to undertake community service work. I urge all Brookhill students to take on the spirit of Clean up Australia Day and make it part of their everyday activities. There is no reason at all for there to be any rubbish on the school grounds; I challenge all Brookhill students to work with Ms Herron and the Environment team in keeping Aitken rubbish free.

**Uniform and Behaviour:** The year has had an excellent start, with very few behaviour problems and excellent reports from teachers about students’ class work and attitude. To keep up the high standards, I ask parents and students to keep the following points in mind:
• Students should be in full, correct uniform at all times. Physical Education uniform is NEVER acceptable in regular classes; students should not ever come to school without proper uniform.
• Spray jackets do not become part of school uniform until Term 2; they should not be seen during Term 1.
• Student behaviour which disrupts class and stops other students from learning will not be tolerated. If a student repeatedly behaves in such a way, they will be removed from class and parents contacted.
• Brookhill students must not loiter in the area around the canteen. Once they have their food, they must return straight to the Senior School area. Brookhill students also must not be in the lower plaza area; this area is for Dunhelen and Glenarthur students.

**Study Skills:** Year 10 and 11 students have just completed their first Study Skills seminars with presenters from Elevate Education. On a very positive note, Aitken College has been asked to work with Elevate to develop their Study Skills Results Tracker program. This involves students taking online surveys before and after Study Skills seminars. Elevate Education analyses the results to gauge the effectiveness of their program and delivery. As part of the trial, our Year 10 students have completed pre and post seminar surveys and we will receive a detailed report on their uptake of the material. We look forward to working with Elevate to develop the Results Tracker program into a powerful data gathering tool.

*Mr David Murphy*  
*Head of Brookhill*

**VCAL News**

The Duke of Edinburgh’s Award scheme is part of the program for Year 11 and 12 VCAL students. The Award is an internationally recognised and valued program that encourages and empowers young people to engage with their community, explore their potential and challenge themselves to achieve personal excellence. This is achieved through structured, independent and non-competitive voluntary activities which encourage personal discovery and growth, self – reliance, perseverance, responsibility and service to the community. The Award provides opportunities for young people to develop into mature, active citizens who will positively contribute towards society!

Currently, the Year 11 and 12 students are organising a week long camp to Apollo Bay, travelling by public transport. Challenging activities included surfing, exploration walks, beach activities, rock climbing and raft building. Students will also be organising the campsite which will include setting up the tents, packing up and basic cooking.

*Jordan, Matt and Nick getting prepared for camp*  
*Mrs Jenny Lilley*  
*VCAL Co-ordinator*

**Glenarthur School Notices**

Last Wednesday was the annual Aitken College Open Day and this provided an opportunity for the newly elected Glenarthur Student Leaders to act as tour guides for the many people who came to see the school’s facilities, programs and students going about a regular school day. We were very impressed by the students who acted as guides on the day. The comments they received, or those that were passed on to us, about how good they were as ambassadors was wonderful to hear. This week our two School Captains, Francesco and Kiara, took a lead role in our weekly Assembly, following Chapel and we also heard an update from our energetic Publications Captain, Olivia. Student Leadership training for our School and House Captains will take place after school next Thursday and such opportunities is something we are keen to see opened up for more students as the year progresses.

The Year 8 and 9 students have been involved in seminar programs this week, presented by Glen Gerreyn from the Oxygen Factory. These were well received and will prove to be invaluable during upcoming Life Skills discussions in Homeroom.

One small but important reminder: please remember to communicate with the Homeroom teacher if you know your child will be absent due to a family commitment or through illness. With respect to absences for a family holiday, it is the school’s policy that teachers are not asked to prepare additional resources for students who are absent during Term time. It is a student’s responsibility to see their teachers and endeavour to catch up on missed work upon their return to school.

*Mr Tim Agnew & Mrs Elpis Vlahopoulos*  
*Head and Assistant Head of Glenarthur*

**Dunhelen School Notices**

Congratulations to all the 2014 School, House, Performing Arts, Community Service and Class Captains. Our Captains have already been inducted and have also taken part in Open Day, where they did a wonderful job of showing their College to visitors. The School and House Captains will be attending a Leadership Training Day on 13 March and notes have already been sent home in regards to this. I congratulate all the captains and I look forward to working with them this year.
Dunhelen School Captains

| Mikayla Barnes | Dion Giacos |

Dunhelen House Captains

| Brodie         | Isabella Crawford | Brodie Lindrea |
| Cameron        | Caitlin Vincent   | Ronan Miranda  |
| Clarke         | Hannah Dimevski   | Dale Le Page   |
| Millar         | Jemma Miritis     | Liam Maric     |

Semester One Class Captains

| Erica Brown    | Tristan Gencarelli |
| Montana Papadinis | Michael Nasser  |
| Kiralee Backhouse | Bradley Oakman   |
| Olivia Kurdas  | Jack Scicchitano |
| Chelsea Di Martino | Nicholas Pereara |
| Sera Polimeni  | Raveen Herath    |
| Abiramy Kuriakose | Nikolas Vlasonjic |

Performing Arts Captain - Holly Brown  Community Service Captain - Jack Lofts

Well done to all of these students, but also to all the students who applied for various leadership roles. It is not easy to get up and speak to a large audience; however, you all did amazingly well. I encourage you all to keep trying and, as potential leaders, I urge you to support and assist in any way you can the people who represent you.

Today’s students are so blessed to be able to research or discover anything that interests them at the touch of a button. Technology is a wonderful thing and when used appropriately the benefits are amazing. However, we have all heard of the thing called ‘social media’ and, as parents, I urge you to have a look at what your children are up to on social media. Social media has many attributes, but sometimes young minds can be misled. Please do take the time to talk with your child about their use of it. I also urge parents to refrain from messaging or calling their child while at school, doing so places your child in the difficult position of deciding whether to reply or not, knowing that the use of social media at school is not allowed. It is wonderful to teach and learn using technology and I know we will see great things because of it.

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

Cumberland School Notices

Thank you to the parents who attended the Year 3 open afternoon and picnic last Thursday. The weather was on our side and it was great to see so many parents support the activity. The attendance at all Cumberland open afternoons and picnics was overwhelming! It was fantastic to see the community come together; parents were able to chat with other parents, students and staff. It was also a great opportunity for me to meet with so many parents in a less formal situation.

I would like to publically thank the Cumberland staff who were flexible with timetables and made these afternoons possible.

Next Friday we will have representatives from the Responsible Pet Ownership organisation visit the College and talk with all primary students about the responsibilities of owning a pet and generally caring for animals. Students will be grouped by Year level and be involved in a 40 minute presentation where they will also get an opportunity to meet a friendly furry four legged pet! These sessions will be held in Common Room 1 or Common Room 2 where there is plenty of room for the students, presenter and the special guest.

Congratulations to the following students who have been selected by their peers to be the Class Captains for Semester One.

| Caitlyn Wilkie | Dustin Papadinis |
| Zachary Miritis | Malinsa Harshadeva |
| Trista Eunson  | David Angove     |
| Karla Siracusa | Roy Jeevadaran   |
| Tahlia Plant   | Jamain El-Shahawy|
| Cheyanne Fuller | Ali Dib          |

Congratulations also to Alessia Saggio and Lewis Machen who are the Performing Arts Captains for 2014 and Celeste Aquino and Jaden Perumal who are the Library Captains again for this academic year.

Parent Teacher Interviews are fast approaching and are scheduled for 19 March and 3 April. This time is an ideal opportunity for parents to share specific information about students as well as teachers to provide feedback on how students have settled into their new class and year level. Specific subject assessments have been completed on students and teachers will also have this available. However, the main purpose for the interviews is for parents and teachers to share information and develop a rapport to support open communication for the year ahead. Please remember these
Interviews are 10 minutes and the schedules for staff are rather full. Please arrive a few minutes before your scheduled appointment to ensure the meetings run on time.

**Mr Ashley Penny**

**Head of Cumberland**

**Fairview School Notices**

**Tolerance and Patience:** What does it mean to be tolerant and patient? When I observe the children and their transition to school; so many integral factors influence their interaction. We encourage patience and tolerance to accept individual differences. They support children to become responsible for their interaction and these characteristics are key components of a community forming.

What I have noticed is that we are all in hurry and that patience is not readily accessible. I understand that our patience is directly linked to how much time we have to stop and process an event. I applaud the adults that do this so beautifully when they collect their children from school. They take the time to question and discuss events of the day and respond patiently when their child is a little confused. They take the time to discuss an event and guide their children through a process of showing empathy and understanding.

It is very easy to have an opinion and not so to show understanding. This is crucial in how children interact with each other. As adults it is our role to guide the children through this process of personal growth, but to also develop their interpersonal skills.

**Bedtime:** Young children utilise and need quite a lot of energy and concentration during their school day. It is crucial that they are provided with a healthy food diet and adequate rest and sleep. Late nights have an immediate or a delayed impact on the children; they feel lethargic and lack concentration. The Preparatory School children require a reasonable bedtime. Prep children should be in bed between 7.00pm and 7.30pm. Year 1 and Year 2 children should be in bed no later than 8.00pm. Adequate rest has a great impact on how children learn and relate to their learning environment.

**Winter Uniform:** All of the Prep and new parents should have organised their child’s winter uniform for next term. Winter uniform articles will not be available for over the counter purchases and an appointment for a fitting must be made. Summer uniform is worn Terms 1 and 4. The boys must wear a shirt and tie during Term 1 and 4; the boys must wear a shirt and tie during Terms 2 and 3. The winter uniform is worn during Terms 2 and 3. Please contact Schooltrenz on 9338 1334 for uniform appointments.

**Ms Kerrie Neophytou**

**Head of Fairview**

**Careers News**

**Careers:** Year 12 Careers classes have commenced during Lifeskills periods. The Careers timeline for 2014/2015 is discussed and students are being shown how to conduct effective, useful course and career research. We are suggesting that all Year 12 students come and talk to us in room B21 at least once during Semester 1. We are happy to see students on a “drop in” basis if we are free or students are welcome to make an appointment for a time which suits them.

**Career News 3:** Career News 3 is now available and contains information about studying Science, Engineering, IT, Architecture, Spanish, Criminology, Optometry and Creative Arts, the Keeper For A Day and Vet For A Day school holiday programs at Healesville Sanctuary and Werribee Zoo, a Beauty Therapy Taster program, A Day at Melbourne (University), Gap Year program options and more. The following link will take you to the careers newsletter: http://www.aitkencollege.edu.au/educational-programs/careers/careers-newsletter/

Do not forget that Ms Gibbs and Mrs Borg are available to help students with any questions they might have about careers, courses and pathways. Please come and see us in Room B21 at the Careers Centre or telephone us on 9333 1866 or email your concerns or queries to careers@aitkencollege.edu.au.

**Mrs Clare Borg and Ms Rae Gibbs**

**Careers Advisers**

**Chaplains Corner**

Last Sunday I went to worship at Sunbury UCA, where the minister reflected on the story of the transfiguration, both of Moses and of Jesus. The sermon highlighted how people are transfigured when we encounter God’s amazing presence in our lives. The sermon then took the line of how God makes us feel so special even though most of the time we do not deserve it.

It is always good to be reminded to embrace and celebrate what we have, instead of moaning and complaining about what we do not have. I pray that if you have something dragging you down a bit, that you too can see past the irritations and encounter the blessings in your life, it sure does transfigure one’s frame of mind.

**Rev Jeanne Beale**

**Chaplain**

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Performing Arts News

College Musical: We had a fantastic turn out at auditions for this year’s College Musical, Tommy. There is certainly a great buzz already happening amongst the cast of forty successful students. We congratulate those who have been cast.

Leading them as Tommy’s parents Captain and Mrs Walker, are Year 12 students Micah Edmonds and Brittany Crane. The role of Tommy, who starts as a four-year-old before reaching his late teens, is shared by Dustin Papadinis, Nicholas Costin and Kurtis Papadinis. Rounding out the main cast are Han Phillips, Abbey Hanson, Vanessa Montalto, Matthew Shaw and Sebastiano Pittuzzello. Tommy is a large ensemble show through and it is great to see that another sixteen students have featured or singing roles.

Tommy is the tale of a young boy’s journey from pain to triumph, presented as a high-energy rock musical. I will be assisted by Ms Beth Thomson in directing this year’s show. Musical Director is Ms Monet Hawkins, while ex-student and former Performing Arts Captain, Joshua Cetin (2008) is handling the choreography.

Middle School Play: Earlier this week, Director Mr Mike Arthur, and his assistant, Ms Jacqueline Flood conducted auditions for the Middle School Play, Skate. Around thirty students from Year 8 and Year 9 are vying for the 14-16 roles on offer.

Inspired by true events, Skate is about a group of kids battling with their local council to get a skate park. When tragedy strikes, the battle grows into a struggle for acceptance and unity. It is a turbo-charged, moving and funny account of the mates, mothers, tricks and traumas of a group of young skaters. Enhanced by live skateboarding, the play is full of the emotional awkwardness of adolescence, its adrenalin, compassion and humour. Playing for two performances on Thursday, 29 May at 7.30pm and 3.30pm on Friday, 30 May.

Performing Arts Captains’ Concert: It is less than a month now until the Performing Arts Captains’ Concert. Always an evening full of surprises, a gold coin donation, raising money for the Royal Melbourne Hospital Neuroscience Foundation, will also give you the chance of winning some great door prizes. The concert commences at 7.30pm on Wednesday, 2 April in the Chapel and Performing Arts Centre and will feature students from most year levels across the College. We thank you for your support.

Physical Education News

School Sports Victoria Year 7 Sports Day: On Wednesday, 26 February, students from Year 7 represented Aitken College in School Sports Victoria Woodlands Division. They competed against a number of different schools within the Hume City Council. The results from the day are:

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All teams participated well, showed great sportsmanship and enjoyed their day out at sports; it would be great to see more students wanting to get involved to fill all of the teams.

The girl’s Softball team did not go out this week as there were no schools to compete against; however, this means that they progress straight into the Northern Metropolitan Region day on Thursday, 3 April.

Students and parents can keep up to date with the latest information, sports dates and rules, via the School Sports Victoria website: www.ssv.vic.edu.au

Mrs Natalie McNamara
Interschool Sports Co-ordinator
From the Director of Chaplaincy and Student Services

Request for Crucial Parent and Staff feedback

The Chaplaincy Program plays an important part in the community and educational life of Aitken College. Weekly Chapel services aim to present values and issues of faith to the students in a manner which encourages, challenges and inspires and in a way which is different to the purely academic and secular subjects. The Chaplaincy team also provides counselling to students for a range of issues including family separation, grief and loss and peer relationships, as well as lunchtime activities for those wishing to engage with faith issues and make new friends.

We receive some funding from the Federal Government under the National Schools Chaplaincy and Student Welfare Program which provides for a chaplain two days per week. As part of accountability protocols the College is required to provide feedback from the school community with respect to perceptions and beliefs which relate to Chaplaincy provisions within the community, some of which I have outlined above.

To this end I am requesting parents and staff, or close members of the Aitken Community (grandparents etc…) to give some feedback by completing the survey below and returning it to me, either in hard copy or by email: cward@aitkencollege.edu.au. This annual review will take only a little time to complete but is essential for the College to meet ongoing funding requirements. If you have participated in the past, we have appreciated this and I thank you in anticipation of you doing so again this year.

(Mr) Chris Ward
Director Chaplaincy and Student Services

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NATIONAL SCHOOLS CHAPLAINCY AND STUDENT WELFARE PROGRAM
(Please complete and return to Reception or by email to cward@aitkencollege.edu.au)

Q1. Do you support the Chaplaincy and Student Welfare Program at Aitken College as it offers Spiritual Direction and Emotional Well Being and Support Services to the Community?

Yes ☐ No ☐ Comment: ________________________________

Q2. Do you value the role Chaplaincy plays in a community such as Aitken College in underpinning concepts related to Faith, Values and the promotion of a Positive Ethos?

Yes ☐ No ☐ Comment: ________________________________

Q3. Do you support Aitken College’s continued involvement with the federally funded National Schools Chaplaincy and Student Welfare Program which currently provides funding for a staff member two days per week?

Yes ☐ No ☐ Comment: ________________________________

Please feel free to give any other relevant comments on this matter:

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Have you ever thought how good it would be to be able to:
Learn what it’s like to live in another country?
Learn a new language and experience a different culture.
If you are in years 9, 10 or 11 now
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Contact; Vanda Mullen, ph 0408 109 368
www.rotaryyouthexchangeaustralia.com.au

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Are you a Year 9, 10 or 11 student? You may qualify as a
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Spain and Turkey. The Rotary Youth Exchange Program is a unique opportunity for
students to experience the culture of a new country, to learn a
new language and develop new friendships.
Applications are now being accepted and close on Friday, 25
April 2014. Students must be under the age of 18 years, as at 1
January in the year of departure.
Further information is available at:
www.rotaryyouthexchangeaustralia.com.au

OSHC NEWS

At OSHC we offer a diverse range of activities for the
children to explore. Quality Area 1, standard 1.1,1.16 (NQS)
recognises that children are encouraged to pursue and have
freedom to choose activities of their choice and our job as
carers is to cater for these choices/preferences.

One of the activities that children request to participate in is
computer time. We foster this by allowing a one hour block
each night for children to use PC’s supervised. It is also an
opportunity for some children to complete their homework
on the PC. In allowing children their preferences, we
realise also that parents will have preferences, which we
endeavour to accommodate for. For instance, we are more
than understanding that some may prefer that their child
spend more or less time using the computers. If this is the
case, please feel welcome to make your requests known
to staff, we will try our best to ensure your child gets the
time to finish homework on the PC (in accordance
with staff ratios available at the time), and or your child not use
the PC of an evening, or only on occasions.

We run a very active program and encourage input from
parents regarding our programing. There are various
methods of communication available for parents (at the sign
out table) pertaining to activities etc. so parents can have
insight and also to leave feedback if they wish. Please come
and speak to us anytime during program hours, we are
more then happy to help.

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.campaustalia.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.

Sunsmart!
Please remember that we are still in the summer
season, therefore your child does require a hat in
order to participate in any outdoor activities. If you
would like to leave a spare hat at the program you
are most welcome to do so.

WHAT’S ON THIS WEEK

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Authorised and Printed by: Mrs Josie Crisara, Principal, Aitken College, 1010 Mickleham Road, Greenvale 3059
Phone: 9333 1866 www.aitkencollege.edu.au Fax: 9333 4795
Many families in the Aitken College community manage or own a business. As a fundraiser the Parents & Friends Association are compiling a Community Business Directory to provide a way in which we can support each other in buying local and helping your business.

The Business Directory will be updated for the 2014 school year and will appear on the College website in a searchable format and as a pdf document. All money raised will be used by the Parents & Friends Association to improve the environment, facilities and equipment of the College, to benefit our children.

Aitken families may purchase a space, promoting their business, in the Community Business Directory for $50.00. This is a very inexpensive way to advertise your business for a twelve month period. If you would like to participate in this exciting initiative, please complete the attached form and return it, along with your payment, to the Accounts Office as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely

Siobhan Short
President
Aitken College Parents & Friends Association

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AITKEN COLLEGE PARENTS & FRIENDS ASSOCIATION
COMMUNITY BUSINESS DIRECTORY 2014 - $50.00 PER SPACE
(Please complete and return with your payment to the Accounts Office as soon as possible.)

FAMILY NAME: _____________________________________________________________
PHONE: ______________________ MOBILE: ________________________________
EMAIL: ________________________________________________________________
BUSINESS NAME: _______________________________________________________
BUSINESS TYPE: _________________________________________________________
BUSINESS ADDRESS: _____________________________________________________
                        ___________________________________________________________________
Postcode
BUSINESS PHONE NUMBER: ______________________ BUSINESS MOBILE: _______________
BUSINESS WEBSITE: _____________________________________________________
BUSINESS DESCRIPTION: (50 words or less)
________________________________________________________________________
________________________________________________________________________

☐ CHEQUE $ __________ payable to Aitken College Parents & Friends Association
☐ CASH $ __________
☐ CREDIT CARD: ☐ MasterCard ☐ Visa ☐ Amex
Card Number: ___________ ___________ ___________ ___________ Expiry Date: ___________/$
Name on Card: ___________________________ Signature: ___________________________ Date: ___/___/2014
The Community Business Directory for 2014 is rapidly growing. You still have time to purchase a space and promote your business! Please complete the attached form and return with your payment to the Accounts Office as soon as possible.

This fundraiser will be used by the Parents & Friends Association to improve the College environment, facilities and equipment, for the benefit of all our students. Aitken families (and friends) may purchase a space for $50.00 to promote their business in the 2014 Community Business Directory. This is a very inexpensive way to advertise your business for a twelve month period.

Current bookings include:

**BREAST PROSTHESIS AND LINGERIE FITTING SERVICE**
*Sensational Solutions for Women*
This is a mobile breast prosthesis and lingerie fitting service, for women who have undergone surgery for breast cancer (mastectomy). Helping women gain a better quality of life after breast surgery.
Contact details: Kerry Martin  
☎ 54284 364  m: 0417 119 748  
✉ kerrymartin-2011@bigpond.com

**ACCOUNTANTS & FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT**
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We provide clients with a high level of technical specialisation in areas such as tax consulting, specialist business consulting and audit; together with general accounting and business advice.
Contact details: Richard De Bono  
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✉ www.cfmc.com.au  
✉ rdebono@cfmc.com.au

*Kirks Accountants*
Established in 1984, our business offers business, auditing and taxation services – including accounts preparation, taxation business advisory, superfund auditing, etc.
Contact details: Gerald Kirk  
☎ 9467 6933  
✉ www.kirksaccountants.com.au  
✉ gerald.kirk@kirksaccountants.com.au

**Mortgage Choice – Mortgage Broker and Insurance**
This is a free service for finding the best mortgage to suit you; also insurance and finance to suit all your needs.
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☎ 9333 4370  m: 0401 334 599  
✉ chris.howitt@mortgagechoice.com.au

**SSE Accountants**
Accounting and tax services.
Contact details: Burhan Erdogan  
☎ m: 0499 405 585  
✉ admin@sseaccountants.com.au

**BEAUTY**
*Helen Erdogan Make-up Artist*
Mobile make-up artist for all occasions!
Contact details: Helen Erdogan  
☎ m: 0438 080 334  
✉ selineerd@hotmail.com

**BUILDING & DESIGN**
*Commercial Edge*
Fitout Project Management and Design – Commercial Edge will design and construct any interior space.
Contact details: Joseph Mafirci  
☎ 9331 7047  m: 0411 706 903  
✉ www.commericaledge.com.au  
✉ josephm@commericaledge.com.au
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We are a family business. We have been operating for 9 years and strive ourselves on quality and customer service. We specialize in regular house/office cleans, vacate cleans, window cleaning, carpet cleaning and pressure was cleaning. We cover all areas for domestic, commercial and industrial cleaning.
Contact details: Joseph & Zeina Hakim
m: 0402 438 879
shiningstarcleaningservices@live.com.au

CLOTHING
Trenz Boutique – Ladies Fashion
Designer labels, including Australian and overseas designers; Sizes 8–20. Trenz was established in 1987.
Contact details: Teresa Biner
9338 0385 m: 0402 040 664
tijbn8@bigpond.com

SchoolTrenz – School Uniforms
Supplier of Aitken College school uniforms
Contact details: Teresa Biner
9338 1334 m: 0402 040 664
tijbn8@bigpond.com

CONCRETE PUMPING
Olympic Concrete Pumping Pty Ltd
Line Pumps, 22 metre to 42 metre Booms / Domestic and Commercial, plus Union / Mention this ad for special rates.
Contact details: John & Natalie Mastropietro
9333 1890
olympicpumps@bigpond.com

FOOD & CONDIMENTS
Mystiko – Extra Virgin Oil
Mystiko originates from beneath the White Mountains in the Chania region of Crete, a best suited climate for the olive. Through a traditional cultivation that dates back centuries, its unique regional flavour remains a provincial mystery that has become the foundation of Cretan cuisine.
Contact details: Helen Marrero
m: 0401 873 435
hmirda@gmail.com

HANDYMAN
Hire A Hubby Greenvale
Handyman, Property Maintenance
Contact details: Richard Robinson
m: 0414 825 127
hahgreenvale@bigpond.com

HEALTH SERVICES
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Airport West Clinic "Experience Chiropractic”
Myotherapy and remedial massage, proactive pain and stress management. HICAPS health fund rebates available. Our treatments are discounted by $10 for Aitken College community.
Contact details: Kellie Mordaunt
9031 6037 m: 0425 781 374
www.bodyworxmassagetherapy.com.au
Kellie@bodyworxmassagetherapy.com.au

Melting Moments Massage
Hi, my name is Xzavia Green. I have completed Certificate IV in massage therapy. I’m offering discounted rates for Aitken parents - at my home or yours - $30 for a 1-hour Relaxation Massage; $40 for a 1-hour Deep Tissue Massage; an extra $5 if I come to you. Flexible hours, give me a call.
Contact details Xzavia Green
m: 0417 537 815
www.facebook.com/xzavia.meltingmomentsmassage
Xzavia_mmmassage@live.com.au

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Treatment of skin conditions such as age spots, sun damage, skin tone texture, wrinkles, surgical scars, acne scars, stretch marks, melasma, fractional non ablative skin resurfacing. Other treatments: rosacea, spider veins, capillaries, cherry angiomas, port wine stains, pigmented lesions and laser hair removal.
Contact details: Daniela Mafrici
m: 0439 181 075
info@olaze.com.au
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Edge Commercial Interiors
Manufacturers of architectural joinery, commercial and office furniture, and work stations.
Contact details: Joseph Mafrici 9331 7047 m: 0411 706 903
www.edecommercialinteriors.com.au joseph@edgecommercial.com.au

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www.wilsonmusic.com.au mail@wilsonmusic.com.au

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Contact details: Kevin Doyle 9387 7077 or 1800 246 656
www.reliablehotwater.com.au admin@reliablehotwater.com.au

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Raine & Horne Real Estate – Gladstone Park
Contact details: Reha Biner 9338 4088 m: 0409 185 387
www.rh.com.au/gladstonepark rbiner@rhgladstonepark.com.au

SOLAR ENERGY
Smart Solar Energy
We provide all year round energy efficiencies, providing solar and safety film installation for residential and commercial buildings – WERS Rated – Licensed and Qualified.
Contact details: Hus Yariz 9333 5411
info@smartsolarenergy.com.au

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Contact details: Michael Kerry m: 0417 396 795
info@bkmt.com.au

Thank you to all the above service providers for sending in your advertisements.
We look forward to receiving many more from our College community.
Let’s make 2014 the best ever Business Directory!

Yours sincerely
Siobhan Short
President, Aitken College Parents & Friends Association
Enjoy the wonderful taste of Hot Cross Buns this Easter, while also helping to raise funds for great facilities your child can use around the school. Our major fundraising project this year is to build a Half Basketball Court for student play.

**Bakers Delight Milleara Mall** is assisting us with this great opportunity.

Remember to ask family and friends if they would like to order some too.

If you are interested complete the details below.

Order form and full payment must be returned to your child’s Home Room Teacher or the Accounts Office by **Friday 14 March 2014**

Hot Cross buns will be handed out to students on **Wednesday 26 March 2014**

**$7.00 per pack** (six delicious Hot Cross Buns per pack)

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**Hot Cross Bun Order Form**

Please complete and return to your child’s Home Room Teacher or the Accounts Office by **Friday 14 March 2014**

Student’s Full Name: ________________________  Class: _______  Your Contact No: __________________________

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Total number of 6-pack orders ________ x $7.00 = Amount enclosed:  $_________________

(Payment can be made by Cash or Cheques payable to: Aitken College Parents & Friends Association)
Church Fete

Art & Craft

Sausage Sizzle

cakes

spices

Bric a brac

BOOKS

plants

Clay modelling

MORNING TEA

Saturday, March 22, 2014

9 am – 1 pm

St Thomas’ Uniting Church
Cnr Rayfield and Dianne Avenues
Craigieburn