

NEWSLETTER

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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 2017

Mon	12 Jun	Queen's Birthday Holiday
Tue	20 Jun	Report Writing Day (student free)
Fri	30 Jun	Term 2 concludes
Mon	24 Jul	Term 3 commences
Tue	15 Aug	Parent Teacher Interviews (Prep-12)
Thu	24 Aug	Parent Teacher Interviews (Prep-12)
Fri	25 Aug	Professional Learning Day (student free)
Fri	22 Sep	Term 3 concludes
Fri	29 Sep	AFL Grand Final Public Holiday (office closed)
Mon	9 Oct	Term 4 commences
Mon	6 Nov	Mid Term Break
Tue	7 Nov	Melbourne Cup Day Holiday
Fri	24 Nov	Report Writing Day (student free)
Thu	7 Dec	Presentation Night (Years 3 to 12)
Wed	13 Dec	Term 4 concludes

Term Dates for 2017

Term 2	18 April	to	30 June
Term 3	24 July	to	22 September
Term 4	9 October	to	13 December

Thought: "Prayer is the song of the heart. It reaches the ear of God even if it is mingled with the cry and tumult of a thousand men/women." Kahlil Gibran

From the Principal

At Chapel recently, Mr Ward spoke to students on the themes of relationships and respect. Students were challenged to consider the importance of respectful relationships. For those who do show respect can ensure that being humble and kind is their *modus operandi*. Respectful relationships help to avoid bullying, racism and domestic violence for example. Gossip and spreading of untruths through social media can cause great harm and people need to stand up and say no, that this is not good enough and not engage in what can be quite harmful behaviours. This is seen in all walks of life. As a community, we all need to focus on being humble and kind.

It was great to see families coming together at the recent Parents and Friends Mothers Day Breakfast and Mothers Day Stall. A big thank you to those parents who volunteered their time to make the day successful. Much planning goes into ensuring things are prepared and organised. Some parents were at school from 6.00am cooking the barbecue. A particular thank you to those parents who assisted with the breakfast and the stall including:



Breakfast

Siobhan Short (P&F)
Allison Phelan (P&F)
Sally Penaluna (P&F)
Melinda Gallicchio (P&F)
Misal Belvedere (P&F)
Jana Pavlovska (Staff)
Eddie Pagnucco
Jamie Penaluna
Nathan Phelan
Danielle Davenport
Joanne McGowan Rees

Stall

Allison Phelan (P&F)
Sally Penaluna (P&F)
Melinda Gallicchio (P&F)
Jenni Grbavac (P&F)
Natalia Presta (P&F)
Dora Papadakis
Julie Petridis
Emma Jekabsons
Jenny Doyle
Kimi Farah

Also, to be thanked are Ms Garlick and Mr Grech who along with the new Hospitality and Catering Group of students did a wonderful job making coffees and hot chocolate.

This week I met with VicRoads and Hume City Council representatives to discuss safety issues at the Mickleham Road intersection and at the gate on Positano Grove. They had the opportunity to witness and experience the traffic flows at the College intersection in particular but also the queuing that occurs within the grounds as parents try and exit. A number of measures will be investigated and implemented to address the concerns. Unfortunately, the State Government did not allocate any funding for Roads infrastructure in the recent State budget which was most disappointing. It is important that the community continues to advocate for the duplication so please write letters, complete surveys and sign petitions. The local member for Yuroke and the Hume City Council still continue to advocate for these works.

*Mrs Josie Crisara
Principal*



VALE - Mr Shelton Bond

It is with great sadness that the College informs you that Mr Shelton Bond, former staff member (2000 - 2013), passed away after a short illness. In his distinguished career as an educator, Mr Bond was an inspiration to many students and their families. He was a distinguished gentleman and friend.

Our thoughts and prayers are with his family at this sad time.

Continuous Feedback and Semester One Reports

As we draw nearer to the end of Semester One, teachers and students will be increasingly focused on completing assessment tasks to demonstrate what they have learnt so far this year.

The Semester One reports, issued on the last day of Term 2, will provide parents with summary information about your child's achievement and attitude to learning in each of their subjects, along with a Homeroom teacher's comment. Following the success of the pilot program in 2016, the End of Semester Report this year will be in the new format for all students. It is considerably shorter than the style we have produced in previous years, and is designed to be read in conjunction with the continuous feedback provided to parents and students via My Aitken.

If you have not recently checked the continuous feedback available to you, I recommend that you spend some time browsing through it, so that you are well informed about the learning of your children through the semester, well before the end of semester report is published. The continuous feedback aims to give an appropriate combination of detailed comments, a rubric and results - dependent on the nature of the assessment task and the age of the student.

We hope that you have found the amount of detail and the timeliness of the feedback to be helpful to you in support the learning of your children.

PISA Field Trial

Parents of a selected group of Year 9, 10 and 11 students should have received information from me via email about the 2018 Program for International Student Assessment (PISA) Field Trial.

Aitken College is one of 40 Australian schools which have been selected to participate in the 2018 PISA Test. PISA is part of the National Assessment Program in Australia. Participation in these sample assessments is an obligation of all schools under the Australian Education Act 2013. International assessments provide a wide range of valuable information for education policy and review in Australia and overseas and also enables Australia to consider the performance of our education system compared with others.

Since the first PISA assessment involving 32 countries in 2000, the survey has continued to raise interest amongst educators and policy-makers worldwide. Australia will be one of about 80 countries participating in PISA.

79 of our Year 9, 10 and 11 students have been randomly selected to be involved in the Field Trial, to take place between **Wednesday 31 May and Friday 2 June**. To be eligible to participate, students had to be between 15 and 16 years old on 28 February 2017. Each participating student will be required to complete a skills test in reading comprehension, mathematics, science and financial literacy. They will also complete a detailed survey about their attitudes to school and their future aspirations. The test does not require any preparation and the results are reported back to PISA in a way which does not identify the individual students.

The participating students have an important role in representing all students in Australia. They will each be making a valuable contribution to the education community both nationally and internationally.

If you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

*Ms Kerri Batch
College Head of Learning*

Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund (CSEF)

The Victorian Government has established a Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund (CSEF) to provide payments to eligible students to attend camps, sports and excursions. Families holding a valid means-tested concession card or temporary foster parents are eligible to apply. An amount of \$125.00 per year will be paid for eligible primary school students, with \$225.00 per year paid for eligible secondary school students. Payments will go directly to the school and be tied to the student. Application forms may be obtained from the College or downloaded from:
www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

The CSEF program remains open until the end of June. Applications need to be submitted in time to be processed before the 30 June. No late submissions will be accepted by the Department of Education and Training.

*Mr Petar Gajic
Finance Manager*

From the Deputy Principal

Traffic and Pedestrian Safety: Please ensure that you drive safely within the College grounds; the speed limit is strictly 20kph around our internal ring road; this is to ensure the safety of children. Too many vehicles exceed this limit; one recently doing so and passing cars dangerously was a BMW registration number XZD 865.

Please do not drop-off children on our roundabouts or at our front entrance, doing so places them at extreme risk. The entrance road is not suitable or safe for pedestrians.

Medical Plans: If your child is at risk of anaphylaxis, or suffers asthma, diabetes or severe allergies, we require a first aid plan. Blank templates can be found on My Aitken in the Resources/Parents/First Aid folder.

Parent Notices and Permission Slips: If you or your child misplaces a letter about an activity or excursion, including permission slips, you can usually find a copy on My Aitken in the Resources/Parents/Letters Home folder. The College always requires the signed original permission slip if a child is to attend an excursion. Handwritten notes are not an acceptable substitute; the notices folder on My Aitken is the place to go!

Family Holidays: Please note that the College does not give approval for children to be taken out of school for holidays outside the school holiday periods. School time missed can have a detrimental effect on a child's education. Teachers are not expected to catch students up on missed work and the students themselves can become anxious and distressed when they have fallen behind.

*Mr Kim Forward
Deputy Principal*

Parents and Friends Association News

On Thursday 11 May we held our annual Mothers Day breakfast. Thank you so much to all those who came and helped us celebrate the wonderful women in our lives. It is so lovely to see so many families come and enjoy breakfast together. Thank you to all those who helped in the preparation of the yummy egg and bacon rolls. To those who donated their time or supplies for the event we thank you too. Events like these are only successful when we have the help and support from this wonderful school community. Congratulations to our raffle winner, Mrs Kerri Stan, we hope you are enjoying the wonderful hamper!

We hope you all liked the gifts your children purchased from the Mothers Day stall. The kids had a wonderful time carefully selecting the right gift for their mums. Thank you to the mum's who helped at the stall, it is always such a fun day!

Friday 16 June is the Cumberland Dance Party from 7.00pm to 8.30pm. This will be a drop and go event. If you would like to stay and watch the dance party let us know as we will require some help through the night and your help would be appreciated!

As always please email us at pandf@aitkencollege.edu.au if you have any ideas for fundraisers or feed back for us.

*Mrs Allison Phelan
Secretary - Parents and Friends Association*

Brookhill School Notices

Absence from Mid Year Exams: I have had a number of families inform me that their child will be absent during the Mid Year Exam period, mostly due to family trips. It is very disappointing that families choose to treat this very important part of the College's educational program so lightly. Formal exams are a major part of assessment in Year 12 and gaining experience preparing for and sitting formal exams is vital if students wish to maximise their Year 12 results. The exam period has been on the calendar since the start of the year and is a compulsory part of the Senior School program.

Parents and students should note the following points regarding students being absent from exams:

- Any student who misses an exam for medical reasons **MUST** supply a medical certificate. Failure to do so will result in the exam result being forfeited.
- If a student has a genuine non-medical reason for missing an exam, application must be made to the Head of Brookhill for the absence to be authorised.
- The College will not make arrangements for students who miss exams for non-authorised reasons to re-sit exams.
- The College will not make arrangements for students who plan to be absent from exams to sit exams before the exam period.
- Students who miss exams for non-authorised reasons will forfeit the exam score for purpose of calculating final grades.

Security of Personal Items: I remind all families that security of personal items, in particular expensive electronic items, is the responsibility of individual students. All students are provided with a locker and combination lock; non-issue locks are not permitted and will be cut off lockers. Students are expected to secure all personal items in their locked locker. I have been reminding students that, to lock properly, the dial of school issue combination locks **must be spun after closing the lock**. If a student simply closes the lock, without spinning the dial, the lock may not engage, which leaves the contents of the locker vulnerable.

Year 11 2018 Course Selection: Although current Year 10 students will not be selecting Year 11 courses until Term 3, I encourage families to start thinking about Year 11 courses and post-school options as early as possible. Now is a good time for families of Year 10 students to start attending University Open Days. Students and parents are always welcome to contact the Careers staff to clarify any questions or seek guidance. The Careers staff can be contacted via email on: careers@aitkencollege.edu.au

*Mr David Murphy
Head of Brookhill*

VCAL News

Thank you very much to the entire school community who donated blankets for the Cat Protection Society. We have collected a vast number of blankets and now have enough for our WRS project. The VCAL students are working assiduously on ensuring a generous donation of tailored blankets will be available for the cats awaiting adoption.



Mona Harsan and the Year 12 VCAL Students

*Mrs Jenny Lilley
VCAL Co-ordinator*

Dunhelen School Notices

The Year 7 students enjoyed a social night on Thursday 11 May. The social was held to raise awareness for Lymphoma Australia and over \$1,300 was raised for this very worthy cause. A very big thank you to Mr Prentice for organising the night, the Year 7 Homeroom teachers, Mrs Vlahopoulos, Mr Patchell and Mr Lawless and the ABC group for all their hard work. Dunhelen extends many thanks to the parents and students who donated treats or prizes for the night and an extra huge thank you to the parent helpers on the night - Mrs Burgio and Mrs Storms. Your hard work, time and patience is very much appreciated by all of Dunhelen.



Last week I went along to the Middle School Play, “*The Wind in the Willows*”. I must congratulate all students involved in this production, whether they were on stage or back stage. It was a wonderful production and I am always amazed at the talent of our students. I certainly hope they do not forget us when they get to Hollywood! It was a great night. Once again, congratulations to all involved, what a fantastic effort.

Next week the Year 9 students will be enjoying a trip to either Central Australia or Canberra. I know that many of us are looking forward to this. Thank you in advance to all staff who are attending the camps and to parents for being so patient with the preparations for camp. As a lot of the trips link directly with the curriculum, Tourism NT have kindly granted \$1,000 towards the camp to Central Australia. We thank Tourism NT for this.



*Mrs Francis Scuderi
Head of Dunhelen*

Cumberland School Notices

Much has happened in the past few weeks!

NAPLAN: The students of Years 3 and 5 sat NAPLAN tests last week and did so with minimal fuss. I thank parents and staff for ensuring this was not an anxious time for students. The tests are designed to assess the skills of Australian students in literacy and numeracy. The specific purpose is to collect data from Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 students for reporting to parents/carers and schools. Test results are normally released prior to the end of Term 3.

Year 4 Camp: The students in Year 4 went to Camp Weekaway at Benloch, about one hour from school. The facilities and activities at the camp suited the students well and they all engaged in rope courses, hut building, canoeing, maze running, a night walk, damper making and problem solving activities on balance beams and logs. We are pleased to say that we did not have any home sickness. I think the students coped much better than some parents and had a fantastic time! We did not have any injuries and all students said the camp was better than they imagined. The staff at the camp commented on the good behaviour of our students. I would like to thank the wonderful staff who went on the camp and took such great care of our students.



Athletics Carnival: Monday saw students competing in a range of activities: 100, 200, 400m races and relays, long and high jump, hop, skip and jump, as well as shot put and discus. There were plenty of opportunities for students. While it was a cold, overcast day, the students eagerly engaged and showed wonderful team spirit. Cameron House was victorious but had quite a bit of competition from the other houses. Congratulations to all competitors. I would like to thank all parents for following the new procedures for attending carnivals. The staff found the new yellow slip worked very well and enabled them to know where students were at the end of the day. We appreciate parents co-operating with us in this matter as we ensure the childrens safety.



House Points

Congratulations all ACE CARD AWARDS Recipients (8 May)

Year 3

Harry Dymond	Diamonds	Cameron
Eve Prochazka	Diamonds	Clarke
Brianna Gouskos	Diamonds	Clarke
Marcus Farah	Clubs	Brodie
Christina Maragos	Clubs	Brodie
Oliver Pedersen	Spades	Clarke
Oliver Koutsandreou	Hearts	Clarke
Sienna Demirtel	Hearts	Cameron

Year 4

Grace Wyllie	Clubs	Clarke
Jai Gamble	Spades	Clarke
Tarik Bello	Diamonds	Cameron
Chelsey Currie	Hearts	Cameron
Ruby Davie	Diamonds	Brodie
Leila Ritsikos	Clubs	Clarke
Antonio Mollica	Spades	Cameron
Michael Zackor	Hearts	Millar

Year 5

Isabelle Murphy	Clubs	Brodie
Daniel Glogovac	Spades	Millar
Amy Graham	Hearts	Cameron
Chloe Mordaunt	Diamonds	Cameron
Victoria McDiarmid	Diamonds	Millar
Luke Giannone	Clubs	Brodie

Year 6

Kailey Matuszek-Gamble	Spades	Clarke
Jacob Pirrotta	Clubs	Cameron
Thasara Balasuriya	Hearts	Clarke
Havin Yucel	Spades	Clarke
Ariel Klaric	Hearts	Clarke
Naz Kurt	Spades	Millar
Liam Richardson-Crane	Diamonds	Clarke
Mia Carter	Hearts	Clarke

	Brodie	Cameron	Clarke	Millar
Last week	48	79	54	89
This week	53	87	67	93

*Ms Karen McArdle
Head of Cumberland*

Fairview School Notices

Respect: During the Fairview assembly on Monday, we focused on RESPECT and how it was defined. The children were presented with information to provide them with time to reflect. It was followed up in RVE classes and a strong interaction reinforced daily by homeroom teachers.

The focus and feedback which was summarised by the children was:

- Treat others the way you want to be treated.
- Always show kindness and consideration.
- Like yourself enough to be yourself.
- Accepting each other for our differences.
- Be true to yourself and always be honest.
- Appreciate what we all bring to our community.
- Be caring, considerate and courteous in all situations.
- Think of how your behaviour may impact others, immediate and long term.

Communication: The importance of maintaining home school communication is crucial to ensure families are aware of current information. It has become apparent that parents are not checking the weekly class blog nor reading the fortnightly newsletter. When parents miss information, they become disappointed and their child may also be impacted. The College has provided a digital platform (My Aitken) with a considerate amount of information. I encourage families to keep up to date with information and to ensure they are aware of events and requirements.



National Simultaneous Storytime: This is an important annual campaign that aims to encourage more young Australians to read and enjoy books. Now in its 17th successful year it is a colourful, vibrant, fun event that aims to promote the value of reading and literacy using an Australian children's book that explores age appropriate themes, and addresses key learning areas of the National Curriculum for Prep to Year 6. This year the National Simultaneous Storytime is scheduled for Wednesday 24 May at 10.45am to 11.00am and the storybook to be shared is **"The cow tripped over the moon"** by Tony Wilson.

*Ms Kerrie Neophytou
Head of Fairview*

Careers News

Career News 7 is now available and contains information about a Science School for 2018 Year 12 students, at the University of Melbourne, in the January school holidays, a VCE Winter School for Year 12 Humanities students in the Term 2 holidays, the Monash University 'Take Control' event for Year 12 students interested in studying IT at a tertiary level, the VU First Year Model designed to assist students with the transition from secondary school to university, new TAFE courses at VU, new specialisations in Acting and Theatre at the Victorian College of the Arts (VCA), DeakInspire for students in Years 10, 11 and 12 in the July school holidays, changes to the selection requirements for some Monash University Art and Design degrees, careers in the Army, engineering degrees offered at Victorian universities and much more.

The Careers Newsletter is available via My Aitken. It can be accessed by clicking on 'Resources' then 'School Life' then 'Aitken News' then 'Careers Newsletter - Welcome' then 'Careers Newsletters – 2017 editions'. The newsletter can be downloaded from this point.

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*

Humanities News

Reminder: If your child is in Year 7 or Year 8, please check with them that they have completed their Humanities Wider Reading Challenge. It is not a lot of work but it is a required task to pass the subject. If students leave it until the end of the semester, they will find it much harder when they have many other assignments due.

The Aitken Model Competition is on! Entries close on Thursday 1 June. Loads of prizes for entries, so make something awesome!

Congratulations to the 17 students who sat the Australian Geography Competition a few weeks ago. We expect results back soon. 33 students will be sitting the Australian History Competition on Tuesday 23 May, the most number of entrants we have had!

And finally, here's proof history repeats itself, in this quote from the godfather of Western philosophy, the Greek Socrates, *"The children now love luxury. They have [...] contempt for authority and love chatter in place of exercise."*



AITKEN MODEL COMPETITION
MAKE A HISTORICAL MODEL & WIN!

RULES:
1. MAKE A MODEL FROM A TIME PERIOD YOU'RE STUDYING THIS YEAR
2. MAXIMUM SIZE 30CMx30CM
3. INCLUDE INFO LABELS
4. GIVE TO YOUR HISTORY TEACHER OR MR LAWLESS IN B22
5. ENTRIES CLOSE 1 JUNE

PRIZES!
1st = \$40 iTunes
2nd = \$20 iTunes
3rd = \$20 iTunes
4th = \$20 iTunes
5th = \$20 iTunes

FOR EXAMPLE: FEDERATION CELEBRATION, CAUSHAN SCENE, PARTHENON, CASTLE, AZTEC TEMPLE, SLAVE SHIP, WW1/WW2 BATTLE, FREEDOM RIDE BUS, SHINTO SHRINE

*Mr Ben Lawless
Head of Humanities*

Performing Arts News

Congratulations to our twelve Year 12 VCE Theatre Studies students who tackled Ray Lawler's Australian classic, *Summer of the Seventeenth Doll* as part of one of their major assessment outcomes. The students completed three performances this week, with each student taking on several roles, both on stage acting, and off stage, including lighting and sound design, costume/makeup design and set construction. The students have worked tirelessly, particularly over this last week, and I commend them on a successful season. I would also like to acknowledge Ms Jacqueline Flood, the Director/teacher and Mr Tom Thorneycroft, for their support and guidance during the rehearsal and performance period.



The Winter Music Soirees are next month. The Junior Soiree is on Wednesday 21 June at 3.30pm and the Senior Soiree is on Wednesday 28 June at 7.30pm. These wonderful music concerts are a great opportunity for students who are keen muso's, for those learning instruments, or for those who are part of one of our many ensembles, to build their performance skills. More information to come, so please keep an eye out for future newsletters and student bulletins.

Finally, we welcome back Mr Michael Cooper from his Long Service Leave. Although not officially stepping back to this role just yet, he is already full steam ahead taking on the challenge of directing our College Play (opening in October). *Beautiful Words* is an epic chronicle of the refugee experience, weaving together three very different stories of survival, told through the eyes of three children in different times and places. An information session for interested students was held today at lunchtime, with auditions to be held in a few weeks. Students should contact Mr Cooper for more information.

Ms Beth Thomson
Acting Director of Performing Arts

Physical Education News

Year 7 & 8 Tennis: The Year 8 boys and girls tennis teams played in the Northern Metropolitan Region division on Wednesday 3 May. While they were both competitive and won several sets throughout the three ties played, unfortunately, neither team progressed to the play off tie. Well done to all the students who participated; it was an enjoyable day out.

The Year 7 boys and girls tennis teams played in the Northern Metropolitan Region division on Friday 5 May. Both teams claimed several sets in the ties they played, but unfortunately, the St Helena team was too strong overall; our teams did not progress to the play off tie. I would like to thank all the students who participated on the day; it was an enjoyable day out.

Mr Chris Reid
Tennis Coach

Year 7 Girls Softball: On Friday 5 May eleven Year 7 girls played in the Northern Metropolitan Region for Softball at Mill Park Reserve. There were 6 teams in the competition for the day split into 2 pools. Aitken competed against Hazel Glen and Montmorency.

Game 1- Aitken v Hazel Glen – Aitken lost 7-11 runs

The first game was a 3 innings game where Aitken played a tough game. After the 2nd innings it was all tied up at 7 runs a piece with great pitching from Olivia Burgio and an amazing home run made by Sofia Cofano. Unfortunately, a mistake in the 3rd innings forced 3 outs when the ball was caught and our runners did not go back to their bases costing us the game.

Game 2- Aitken vs Montmorency- Aitken won 9-5 runs

The second game started very sloppy in the field, due to confusion of when to throw to home and 3rd base to try and get a runner out, which resulted in 4 runs made by Montmorency. However, a quick chat and regrouping transformed the team and innings 3-4 worked in Aitken's favour. The fabulous trio of pitcher (Shaelyn Maljanek), catcher (Sofia Cofano) and first base (Savannah Borg) led to 2 hat tricks, allowing us to bat out the last innings, where 4 runs were made and sealed Aitken with the win.



With so many improvements made throughout the day I am so proud of the girls achievements and they should be too. I hope to see all of them participating in softball again next year.

Mrs Natalie McNamara
Softball Coach

School Sports Victoria Year 9/10 Winter Sports Day: On Thursday 4 May, students from Years 9/10 represented Aitken College in School Sports Victoria Woodlands Division. The students enjoyed a beautiful day, but had to endure some tough competition from schools within the Hume City Council area. Results were:

Boys AFL

Game	School	Score (points)	Result
1	Gladstone Park Secondary College	71-19	Lost
2	Roxburgh Park Secondary College	88-11	Won

Boys Badminton

Game	School	Score (sets)	Result
1	Gladstone Park Secondary College	1-5	Lost
2	Hume Central Secondary College	6-0	Won

Girls Badminton

Game	School	Score (sets)	Result
1	Gladstone Park Secondary College	0-6	Lost

Girls Netball

Game	School	Score (points)	Result
1	Hume Central Secondary College	34-6	Won
2	Gladstone Park Secondary College	19-24	Lost
3	Roxburgh Park College	19-5	Won
4	Sirius College	26-0	Won

Boys Soccer

Game	School	Score (goals)	Result
1	Gladstone Park Secondary College	4-1	Won
2	Roxburgh Park Secondary College	0-1	Lost
3	Sirius College	0-2	Lost
4	Hume Central Secondary College	1-1	Draw

Girls Soccer

Game	School	Score (goals)	Result
1	Gladstone Park Secondary College	0-6	Lost
2	Hume Central Secondary College	8-0	Won
3	Sirius College	3-2	Lost

All teams participated well and in great sportsmanship. Next up will be sports in Term 3 for the Year 9 and 10 students. 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.

Year 7 - 12 Cross Country: On Tuesday 16 May approximately 70 students enjoyed a beautiful, sunny autumn day for the Cross Country Carnival for School Sports Victoria at Woodlands Historic Park. Aitken College finished in 2nd place behind Gladstone Park.

All students ran their best with a huge 52 students progressing to the Northern Metropolitan Region (NMR) Finals that will take place on Wednesday 21 June at Bundoora Park. Special mention goes to the following students who were ribbon recipients for the day:

Marcus Lagana	14 years	2 nd
Jaden Perumal	14 years	3 rd
Teia Klaric	14 years	2 nd
Olivia Marples	14 years	3 rd
George Tsitsinaris	15 years	3 rd
Jacqueline Akers	15 years	3 rd
Isabella Crawford	16 years	2 nd
Jake Dalgleish	16 years	2 nd
Elissa Akers	17 years	3 rd
Jashan Kishore	17 years	3 rd



It was great to see so many students from Aitken College participating and running personal bests on the day. I look forward to seeing this improve again next year.

*Mrs Natalie McNamara
Interscholar Sports Co-ordinator*

Visual Arts News

What a busy term for the Visual Arts. The Year 4 and Year 5 classes have set about their work with Artist in Residence, Ms Aviva Reed, with much excitement. They have investigated and studied Australian coral reef eco systems and the unique animals and structures that exist there. In collaboration, they have washed the large paper panels using watercolour, in preparation for individual designs. In the next few sessions, micro-organisms and chemical studies will be added using fine pencils, and students will be involved in ordering composition and placement, encouraging co-operative and teamwork skills. This kind of task inspires creativity and encourages growth as the work changes each lesson, with other classes adding to the panels and design in between. The images below reflect some of the process to date and we look forward to sharing the finished artworks with you in Term 3.



On Thursday 4 May and Friday 5 May, the Year 10 Photography students attended an all-day excursion to Montsalvat in Eltham. They came prepared with medieval costumes and lots of ideas for their photo shoot. Montsalvat is the perfect venue for such an excursion because of its Gothic architecture and rural surroundings. The students are currently working on their photographs in Photoshop. You will be able to view their work later in the year at the Aitken College Art Show. Thank you to Ms Hester, who organised this great day.



In June, the Year 12 Studio Art students will also be out, exploring the city and various galleries as part of their Art Industry and Contexts study. They engage in research about the role of galleries, exhibition and conservation practices. This year, we are viewing works at The Australian Centre for Contemporary Art, The National Gallery of Victoria, International and RMIT Gallery. These spaces differ considerably as do their target audiences. I would like to wish my Year 12 Studio Art students calm and all the best, as they move into the final stage of their SAT 1 folio preparations, due in late May.

*Mrs Linda Camilleri
Acting Head of Faculty Visual Arts*

Sunday Worship at Aitken: An Invitation

On Sunday 21 May we are having our next Sunday Worship Service, here in the Chapel and Performing Arts Centre foyer at 10.30am. This service will pick up the Mothers Day theme and look at significant women in our lives. Please bring a story to share.

These services are designed to be informal and are accessible for all ages. There will be activities for kids and a morning tea afterwards. If you can bring something to share.

Please feel free to come and be a part of this event; invite a friend or neighbour. If you have any questions please contact me at the College. See also the **Worship at Aitken College** Facebook page.

*Mr Chris Ward
Director of Chaplaincy & Student Services*



Aitken College | May

To celebrate Mums, Grandmothers and other special people in the children's lives, we have been very busy making presents for Mother's Day. The children had a large selection of gifts that they could paint and decorate, including, key chains, jewellery boxes, chimes, frames, bangles and card holders. Everyone was very enthusiastic about making cards and homemade gifts and carefully painted and decorated the gifts they had chosen to give on Mothers Day.



Once registered

You can make bookings and cancellations, view your statements and manage your details anytime of the day.



Save on Care

Save 50% or more on Before and After School Care with the Child Care Rebate. Almost all families are eligible. To find out more call our Customer Service Team on **1300 105 343**



Holiday Clubs

Don't forget about the Camp Australia Holiday Clubs these school holidays. Use the Holiday Club

Finder on the website to find the nearest program:

www.campastralia.com.au/holidayclubs

Reminder to all OSHC family

The OSHC team welcome regular communication with families. Parent feedback is highly valued and is taken into account when planning and programming.



Healthy Snacks

Afternoon tea is served daily.

Menus are tailored to children's tastes, developmental and nutritional needs. Afternoon tea includes a selection of yummy sandwiches and fruit. Children may also engage in fun cooking activities.



HOW TO GET STARTED

Before using our programs register online for an account. This enables you to make bookings, view your statements and manage your details anytime of the day. Registering is quick and easy. Visit www.campastralia.com.au/newparents

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Thank you for submitting your applications.
We look forward to receiving many more from our College community.

ADVERTISEMENT BOOKINGS AS AT 19/05/17

<p>CLEANING – DOMESTIC & COMMERCIAL</p>  	<p>LINCOLN CLEANING All domestic and commercial cleaning. Specialising in carpet and rug steam cleaning, window washing, driveways and patios. Please contact us for a free quote.</p> <p>Contact details: Eileen or Lupco Arsovski ☎ m: 0412 119 168 or 0404 799 780 E: eileen.arsovski@hotmail.com</p>
<p>DRAWING & PAINTING TUITION</p> 	<p>THE ART STUDIO – Greenvale The Art Studio provides Drawing and Painting Tuition for students of all ages. Small personalised classes are run by a qualified teacher. All materials are provided for. Our aim is to encourage confidence and creativity in each student, as they produce beautiful take home works of art.</p> <p>Contact details: Silvia Parisi ☎ m: 0414 466 572</p>
<p>EDUCATION PROGRAMS</p> 	<p>KIDS LOVE LEARNINGLAND – PO Box 2015, Greenvale 3059 Fun, educational programs for 3–5 year olds to assist with literacy, numeracy, speech and readiness for primary school. Give your child the educational difference. Classes in Greenvale. Enrol Now.</p> <p>Contact details: Raelene ☎ m: 0410 803 123 E: kidslovelearningland@gmail.com 🌐 www.kidslovelearningland.com.au</p> 
<p>GARDEN CARE & MAINTENANCE</p> 	<p>GREENWORKS GARDEN CARE & MAINTENANCE For all your gardening needs – weeding, pruning, hedging, mowing, clearing lots, end of lease and more.</p> <p>Contact details: Dragan & Vesna Jankovic ☎ m: 0416 427 067</p>
<p>MORTGAGE BROKER / FINANCIAL PLANNING SERVICE</p> 	<p>MORTGAGE CHOICE – PO Box 2139, Greenvale 3059 A free service to find the best mortgage to suit you. We also provide an extensive Financial Planning Service for your needs.</p> <p>Contact details: Chris Howitt ☎ 9333 4370 m: 0401 334 599 E: chris.howitt@mortgagechoice.com.au 🌐 www.mortgagechoice.com.au/chris.howitt</p>

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<p>TUTORS</p>	 <p>Hany Amin Math Tutor Mob: 0420660611 Hany_abdalla80@yahoo.com</p> <p>Easy Maths For All Grades 2 Perugia Ave, Greenvale 3059</p> <p>Is Maths too hard? Do you need help with your Maths homework? Would you like someone to extend your mathematical knowledge? Do you need help setting a strong mathematical foundation for VCE? Just give me a call and through my passion, experience and teaching techniques you will achieve great results.</p> <p>Contact details: Hany Amin ☎m: 0420 660 611</p>

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