

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	13 Mar	Labour Day Holiday
Wed	22 Mar	Parent Teacher Interviews (Prep-12)
Thu	30 Mar	Parent Teacher Interviews (Prep-12)
Thu	30 Mar	Term 1 concludes for students
Fri	31 Mar	Professional Learning Day (student free)
Tue	18 Apr	Term 2 commences
Tue	25 Apr	ANZAC Day
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 1	2/3 February	to	30 March
Term 2	18 April	to	30 June
Term 3	24 July	to	22 September
Term 4	9 October	to	13 December

Thought: "The great essentials to happiness in this life are something to do, something to love and something to hope for." Joseph Addison

From the Principal

Leaders Induction Assembly: The College and School Leaders were inducted formally in their roles on Tuesday. At their assembly they saw a snippet from the film, *Hidden Figures* which is a story of three African-American women working at NASA, who served as some of the amazing brains behind the greatest scientific programs in history – to get man into space. Katherine Johnson, Dorothy Vaughan and Mary Jackson were the main characters who crossed all gender and race lines to inspire people to dream big. The three women who were the focus of the movie were part of the "human computers" at NASA, calculating the maths and physics behind the space mission.

Katherine Johnson was a skilled mathematician. Astronaut John Glenn who manned the first orbit around the earth, refused to fly without her checking the calculations for his trajectories. Imagine being blown into space and then needing to get back, you would want the calculations for where you would land done accurately.

Dorothy Vaughan became NASA's first female supervisor of the "human computers" and then oversaw the introduction and programming of machine computers as they entered the workforce. She taught herself Fortran which was the computing language of the time and also taught all the members of her team. She realised that computers would eventually overtake the mathematical calculations they were doing by hand.

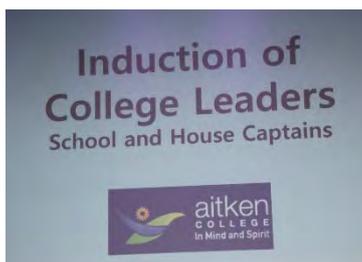
Mary Jackson became the first female African American NASA engineer in 1958. She was another NASA mathematician who became an engineer after challenging the segregated school system of Virginia in order to gain the qualifications she needed to gain the status of rocket engineer.

Students were asked to focus on three leadership lessons that are evident in the film:

1. As a leader you need to bring others along, you need to give them the opportunity to learn and grow and share in your vision.
2. As a leader you need to make the right decisions. The movie highlights the importance of inclusion rather than fear or divisiveness or prejudice. Humanity is a reminder that we are stronger together and can achieve what appears to be impossible when we work together and stand up to what is right by removing the barriers.
3. You can make important change by doing the work. Hard work brings success.

Congratulations to our student leaders.

College Captains	Kristina Vlasojic	Daniel Garisto	
Community Service Captains	Amanda Moore	Francesco De Maria	
Performing Arts Captains	Ebony Gorlin	Korey Mehmet	
Sports Captains	Oliver Kubilay	Jessica Dagleish	
Student Leader Captains	Jobelle Marasigan	Isabella Jovanovski	Jack Bruce
Brodie House Captains	Reshan Wijayanayake	Jordyn Geddes	
Brodie House Vice Captains	Joel Lomas	Rachel Park	
Cameron House Captains	Claudia Audino	Madalene Woollard	
Cameron House Vice Captains	Jasmine Harrington	Joel Buckley	
Clarke House Captains	Bianca Hillier	Samantha Douras	
Clarke House Vice Captains	Daniel Foley	Ruby Williams	
Millar House Captains	Emily McPherson		
Millar House Vice Captains	Sophie Charos	Sarah O'Connor	Aafreen Chauhan
Dunhelen School Captains	India Lively	Angus McTaggart	
Dunhelen Community Service Captains	Helena Riley	Gabriel Koury	
Dunhelen Environment Captains	Sarah Zupan	Aaron Ram	
Dunhelen Performing Arts Captains	Kaylee Muhar	Max Hobbs	
Dunhelen Sports Captains	Jasmine McGuire	Antonio Cavallo	
Brodie House Captains 7-9	Talia-Belle Hodinj	Zara Ertekin	
Cameron House Captains 7-9	Jacqueline Akers	Flynn Taylor	
Clark House Captains 7-9	Olivia Di Pietro	Jaiden Anjoul	
Millar House Captains 7-9	Madeleine Lively	Hasan Fayadh	
Cumberland School Captains	Jasmine Edgar	William Booth	
Cumberland Environment Captains	Thasara Balasuriya	Tyronne Iloski	
Cumberland Performing Arts Captains	Malinsa Harshadeva	Jack Wyllie	
Cumberland Sport Captains	Simona Matracchi	Lachlan Plant	
Brodie House Captains 3-6	Thisumi Walliwala Gamage	Keara Calafiore	
Cameron House Captains 3-6	Leah Keegan	Xavier Plant	
Clark House Captains 3-6	Ariel Klaric	Haydar Korkmaz	
Millar House Captains 3-6	Alyssa Goulding	Jake McPherson	



*Mrs Josie Crisara
Principal*

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 and must be lodged by Tuesday 28 February 2017.

Mr Petar Gajic
Finance Manager

From the Deputy Principal

Thank you to all parents for assisting with a smooth start to the new school year.

Term 1 Events: It was good to see so many parents at the recent school information nights. I hope you found them informative. Our 2017 student leaders attended a training afternoon recently and were inducted into their roles at a special Assembly on Tuesday 21 February; many proud parents were present to congratulate them. A reminder that Parent Teacher Interviews are coming up on Wednesday 22 March and Thursday 30 March; parents will soon be emailed booking instructions.

Traffic Tips: Your patience with the peak hour traffic is appreciated. Based on observations over many mornings and afternoons, we can offer these tips for a quicker drop-off or pick-up.

- Dropping your child off at school at 8.00am in the morning will enable a faster exit out of the school gate. There are staff on yard duty from 8.00am.
- Parking near the Primary school clears rapidly after 3.05pm; arrive just after then and you are assured of a car space.
- In the afternoon, the parent car park fills up by about 2.55pm. However, if you arrive at about 3.15pm, there are spaces constantly becoming available as people leave; you can pull into a spot and your child will be waiting for you.

Uniform: Thank you for ensuring that your children are coming to school correctly dressed. There are several uniform issues that staff will speak with students about:

- T-shirts visible under boys' summer shirts are not acceptable and boys may be asked to remove them.
- Girls' dresses above knee length are not acceptable.
- Blazers must be worn to and from school. They must not be left in lockers or at home.

Mr Kim Forward
Deputy Principal

Parents and Friends Association News

What a busy start to the year. Thank you to all who helped at the musical cast BBQ.

Keep your eye out for the Hot Cross Bun order form. It will be out shortly. Orders MUST be back to the Accounts office by Thursday 23 March.

We have reduced the price of the school umbrella to \$10. They are also available from the Accounts office.

We are still looking for helpers for the first pre-loved uniform sale on Thursday 30 March from 1.30pm. Please email us at pandf@aitkencollege.edu.au or contact us through our Facebook page.

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday 7 March at 7.30pm in the Chapel and Performing Arts Centre seminar room, upstairs (room P24). Everyone welcome!

Mrs Allison Phelan
Secretary - Parents and Friends Association

Brookhill School Notices

House Swimming: Congratulations and thanks are due to the Senior School students for their behaviour and participation in this week's House Swimming Sports. The day was a huge success, due in large part to the excellent example set by the Senior House and Sports Captains. Congratulations to Brodie House for their narrow victory over Millar.

Excellent Standards of Uniform and Behaviour: It has been an excellent start to the year and I have received many excellent reports from teachers about student's class work and attitude.

Brookhill students have also been very impressive in the area of leadership. I often speak to the senior students about their roles as leaders within our community. All Brookhill students have a responsibility to show leadership to the younger students in the College; the good example set by the senior students can make a positive contribution to the overall culture of the College. Congratulations are due to the Brookhill student group for the excellent leadership they have been demonstrating this year.

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. PE uniform is NEVER acceptable in regular classes; students must come to school in correct, regular uniform.
- Spray jackets do not become part of school uniform until Term 2; they should not be seen during Term 1.
- 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 students.

Study Skills: Year 10 and Year 11 students have just completed their first Study Skills seminars with presenters from Elevate Education. Research has shown effective study skills to have a significant effect on student academic achievement. I encourage parents to talk to their children about their Study Skills Seminars. You may like to ask your children to show you the workbook they completed during their seminar and explain the ideas to you.

*Mr David Murphy
Head of Brookhill*

VCAL/VET News

Over the year, the VCAL students participate in several community events and activities. At the Cumberland Swim Carnival, students supported the teachers by being place line judges; helping with the novelty events; soccer; ribbon presenting and assisting the students in the water.



*Mrs Jenny Lilley
VCAL Co-ordinator*

Dunhelen School Notices

The 2017 school year has well and truly started. Students are already in the swing of things and settling in very well. The homework club will be starting up again soon and I will be letting students know when and where. This is voluntary attendance and a teacher is always present to assist any student that needs help.

The Year 7 camp to Phillip Island went well and by all accounts the students had a great time.

- *My favorite thing was the giant swing because it was fun when you pulled the string and you dropped. Joshua Gwinnett*
- *I loved the camp we went to. I liked Ned's alley, twin flying fox, raft making, canoeing and Smith's beach. Adam Ziros*
- *Camp was fun. I met new people and tried things I would never do. My favourite part was the giant swing, flying fox and the drop slide. I am very surprised I did these activities as I am afraid of heights. Karla Siracusa*
- *My favourite thing about camp was A Maze 'N Things. The food was good. I loved my room because I was on the top bunk bed. Kaitlyn Harris*



This week school captains attended leadership training at Sherwood Receptions where they rotated through 4 different activities, each exploring an element of leadership. The captains were also formally inducted into their positions at a ceremony this week. Congratulations to those students and I look forward to working with them this year.

School Captains	Angus McTaggart India Lively
Sports Captains	Jasmine McGuire Antonio Cavallo
Performing Arts	Kaylee Muhar Max Hobbs
Environment	Aaron Ram Sarah Zupan
Community Service	Gabriel Koury Helena Riley

HOUSE CAPTAINS	
Brodie	Talia-Belle Hodinj Zara Ertekin
Cameron	Flynn Taylor Jacqueline Akers
Clarke	Olivia Di Pietro Jaiden Anjoul
Millar	Madeleine Lively Hasan Fayadh

Dunhelen also held its House Swimming carnival this week. It was a great day and a pleasure to watch students give it a go and earn points for their houses. A huge thank you to the Physical Education Department who work hard to get the day up and running.

Most Class Captains for Semester 1 have been elected. Names will be published in the next newsletter.

*Mrs Francis Scuderi
Head of Dunhelen*

Cumberland School Notices

It has been a busy time in Cumberland!

Swimming Carnival: The swimming carnival was well attended and all students had a great time. Throughout the day students participated in swimming races, novelty events in the smaller pool and soccer. There was something for everyone. After many races, the winning house was **Cameron**. Congratulations to all Cameron students!



It was wonderful to see so many parents attend and enjoy the day with us. On days like these we are particularly concerned with student safety and our duty of care obligations. I will be reviewing processes for parents signing students out at the end of events to ensure we know where every student is and with whom. I ask for your cooperation in these matters and your patience during the trialling of new procedures. Congratulations to all!

Cumberland Captains 2017: We congratulate the following students who were selected for leadership positions in 2017.

Position		House Captains	
School Captains		Jasmine Edgar	William Booth
Environment		Thasara Balasuriya	Tyronne Iloski
Performing Arts		Malinsa Harshadeva	Jack Wyllie
Sport		Simona Matracchi	Lachlan Plant
House	Brodie	Thisumi Walliwala Gamage	Keara Calafiore
	Cameron	Leah Keegan	Xavier Plant
	Clark	Ariel Klaric	Haydar Korkmaz
	Millar	Alyssa Goulding	Jake McPherson

Leader Training Day: On Monday, the Cumberland leaders joined the Brookhill and Dunhelen leaders for an afternoon of training in leadership skills they will need in their position. The skills learnt were in the following areas:

- Leadership Style and Management
- Communication, Public Speaking and Meetings
- Leadership in Cyberspace
- Restorative Practices.



While the Cumberland students were new to these more complex skills of leadership, they conducted themselves well, engaged in all activities and accepted the guidance and support offered by the older students as mentors and coaches. It was great to hear that they all really enjoyed the afternoon and took much from it.



Class Captains for Semester 1	
Year 3	Samuel Andreoli and Georgia Demirtel
	Dimitri Tsavalias and Isabel Penaluna
Year 4	Kaylin Acar and Krisy Iliopoulos
	Suveer Chahal and Gabrielle Grbavac
Year 5	Bryan Wang and Mia Costantini
	Riley Pedersen and Sarah Portlock
Year 6	Christopher Korkees and Taylah Greig
	Dustin Papadinis and Anudi Wickramasinghe

We will formally acknowledge and congratulate these students at Monday's assembly where all leaders will be given a certificate as well as a role description for their particular leadership role.

The students of Cumberland learn about leadership in a number of ways:

- **By being a good role model**
To be a role model, Cumberland encourages its students to always be mindful of what is expected of them when we talk of how to behave, how to play and socialize with others. We encourage the use of manners, of always thinking of others, working hard and getting the best from their schooling and being positive in the way we think and act.
- **By taking responsibility**
Students can demonstrate this by accepting and taking responsibility for tasks that have been assigned to them, those they were nominated for and those for which they volunteered. Students get to carry out a number of tasks from being class monitors, this week's team leader in the classroom or captain on the sporting fields, or someone who raises the most money for a charity.
- **Being committed**
This means accepting the responsibility that goes with a role, task or commitment and working hard to see it through, persisting until the task is complete.

*Ms Karen McArdle
Head of Cumberland*

Fairview School Notices

When parents send their children to school they are concerned about many factors:

1. Is my child learning what is required?
2. Are they achieving set individual goals?
3. Are they progressing through reading and word levels adequately?
4. Are they making friends?
5. Do they have company during recess and lunch breaks?

We try to discourage parents to become fixated on levels and set goals; as all children will achieve at their rate. Their learning ability is important; however, what is crucial is that they are safe, healthy and happy. If children are in an environment that supports these issues, they will achieve to their fullest potential. What is important is that they are happy and feel safe. Therefore, their overall wellbeing is imperative; that is their emotional, social, physical and educational needs.

The children's Homeroom teacher is a wonderful resource for parents; to support their queries and needs. They have the skills and ability to assist parents in identifying what they will need to focus on at home.

We encourage parents to allow the children to have time to relax at home and have fun. This is the environment that parents control; it is crucial that parents provide the children with rules and limitations. The children have access to a great deal of gadgets e.g. iPods, iPads, Nintendo, etc. These gadgets are a useful resource; however, they can occupy the majority of the children's playtime. Establishing guidelines for technology is crucial, as children are now growing up in a world of amazing resources.

There are a few points that parent should all be encouraged to consider:

- Establish a consistent time where family talk occurs e.g. dinner time - the dining table is an amazing talking tool.
- Shared quiet and reading time at home.
- Establishing a routine where children are expected to follow rules and limitations e.g. set reasonable bedtime.
- Ensuring that children play with each other, not with technology but with each other.

Play is significant because it reinforces the following:

- foundation to how children learn and interact with each other
- foundation to their attention, response and processing skills
- they feel accepted, loved, happy and safe
- building confidence, self-esteem and resilience
- developing educational, emotional, social and physical skills
- developing problem solving, language and communication skills
- focusing on caring for others and their environment.

Fairview Open House: We had our first Open House on Monday 20 February with Year 2 and the attendance was wonderful. The children and teachers appreciated the engagement and excitement our visitors brought to the event. Two further sessions are scheduled from 2.15pm to 3.00pm:

- **Prep Monday 6 March 2017**
- **Year 1 Monday 27 February 2017**



It will be extremely busy in the afternoon, therefore please take care and park your vehicle in the Western carpark or the Eastern carpark (next to the gymnasium). Boom gates will be lifted from 2.15pm.

Year 2 and Year 4 Swimming Program: All students in Year 2 and Year 4 will be involved in a compulsory swimming program and swimming carnival during Term 1. The intensive program includes eight fully instructed **45 minute lessons**. All students will travel by bus to and from Broadmeadows Leisure Centre. Prep and Year 1 students will participate in the swimming program during Term 2. The consent form will be sent to families next week.

Year 2 and 4 Swimming Dates	
Tuesday	7 March
Wednesday	8 March
Thursday	9 March
Friday	10 March
Tuesday	14 March
Wednesday	15 March
Thursday	16 March
Friday	17 March

Parent Helpers Information Session: The College is offering Fairview and Cumberland School parents the opportunity to partake in the parent helpers' information session. It will outline the program requirements and how parents can actively be involved in College life. Parents who do not attend the session cannot assist in the classroom. The session is scheduled for Tuesday 14 March, from 6.00pm to 8.00pm. Interested participants can email admin@aitkencollege.edu.au by Friday 3 March.

*Ms Kerrie Neophytou
Head of Fairview*

Careers News

We have had a very busy start to Term 1 with many students walking through the doors of B21 to talk about their subjects and / or future pathways. Shortly we will be visiting the Year 12 Lifeskills classes to meet the students, discuss the Careers timeline for 2017 / 2018 and provide a refresher on undertaking course and career research.

Career News 2 is now available and contains information about the 'Inside Monash' seminar series, opportunities for Gap year, volunteer, exchange and Au pair placements, a snapshot of Deakin University, a new, useful Government website: Job Jumpstart, an opportunity to attend a free event at William Angliss and gain an insight into the Travel and Tourism industry and more.

The Careers Newsletter is available via the Community Portal of MyAitken. It can be accessed by clicking on 'School Life' then 'Aitken News' and then 'Careers Newsletter'. 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.

Class of 2015 One Year Reunion: Friday 17 February 2017. A small but enthusiastic Alumni group gathered last Friday evening to catch up with class mates and their former teachers. The occasion provided an opportunity to share some stories and review what has happened during their short but exciting time beyond Aitken. They listened with interest (and a little envy) as Mrs Crisara outlined forthcoming plans for the College. Adding further to that sense of envy was the fact that this gathering was held in the wonderful Food Technology Centre, a facility that of course became operational the year after this cohort had left the College. There is a realisation that just as they have changed and grown during the course of a year so too has the College.



Some have taken a Gap Year or started an apprenticeship, but as would be expected most are involved in full time study. One Alumni unable to drive thanks to a dislocated shoulder organised a lift in order to join the group. Another Alumni with a long standing holiday arrangement was determined to attend the reunion despite an early departure the following morning to fly to Japan.

These young people are mostly still teenagers and the school experience remains so recent for them that they have difficulty in addressing their former teachers by their given names. So despite reminders of 'please call me: Chris/Rita/David etc,' it was a struggle for the majority. We were still 'Miss' or 'Sir' to most. Perhaps that will change in 2020 at which time they will be warmly invited to attend the five-year reunion for the Class of 2015.

*Mrs Clare Borg and Ms Rae Gibbs
Careers Advisers*

Performing Arts News

What a busy and exciting start to the year.

Middle School Play: This year's College Middle School Play is *The Wind In The Willows*. Students from Years 7 to 9 auditioned last week and the cast was announced on Monday. First rehearsal was held on Tuesday and we look forward to seeing this well known tale brought to life on stage. The production will be performed in the Chapel and Performing Arts Centre Thursday 4 May at 7.30pm and Friday 5 May at 3.30pm and is directed by Mr Mike Arthur.

VCE Theatre Studies: The VCE Theatre Studies play is an adaptation of the Australian classic, **Summer Of The Seventeenth Doll**. Students are working hard with Ms Jacqueline Flood and performance dates are 17, 18 and 19 May.

College Musical: This week we have announced the cast for the College Musical, the stage adaptation of *Footloose*. We would like to thank all those who auditioned; it was so pleasing to see new faces, along with more familiar, show genuine interest in performance opportunities at Aitken. I would also like to thank those who came along on Thursday night after our first rehearsal and joined us for our welcome BBQ get together. It was great to meet some of you for the first time and to catch up with those who have been involved with musicals in the past. A particular big thank you to the Parents and Friends Association, led by Siobhan, Allison and Sally, who organised all of the catering. Performances will run from 4 - 12 August.

Performing Arts Activities: Apart from the major events, there are many opportunities for students to involve themselves in co-curricular Performing Arts activities within the College, including the Songsters Primary Choir, Aitken Voices Senior Choir, Jazz Ensemble, Guitar Ensemble (Senior and Junior), String Academy and the Band Academy. There is still time to join if you are interested, please contact our Head of Music, Mr Frampton or myself for more information.

Captains' Concert: Finally, *The Performing Arts Captains' Concert* will be held on Wednesday 29 March, at 7.30pm in the Chapel and Performing Arts Centre. Entry is gold coin donation, with all proceeds raised going to the Lighthouse Foundation - a charity chosen by our Performing Arts Captains, Korey Mehmet and Ebony Gorlin. They, together with Performing Arts staff, are in the process of auditioning potential performers for this concert. The standard thus far has been exceptional and it is a show you will not want to miss.

*Ms Beth Thomson
Acting Director of Performing Arts*

Physical Education News

School Sports Victoria Intermediate Summer Sports Day: On Monday 20 February, students from Years 9-10 and Years 11-12 represented Aitken College in the School Sports Victoria Woodlands Division. They competed against a number of different schools within the Hume City Council.

The results from the day were:

Boys Cricket

Game	School	Score (runs)	Result
1	Gladstone Park Secondary College	3/55 off 13 overs 5/56 off 11 overs	Lost

Girls Volleyball

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

Boys Volleyball

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

Girls Softball

Game	School	Score (runs)	Result
1	Gladstone Park Secondary College	22-2	Lost

Inter Girls Tennis

Game	School	Score (sets)	Result
1	Gladstone Park Secondary College	5-1	Won

Inter Boys Tennis

Game	School	Score (sets)	Result
1	Gladstone Park Secondary College	4-2	Won

Senior Boys Tennis

Game	School	Score (sets)	Result
1	Gladstone Park Secondary College	4-2	Won

All teams participated well and enjoyed a fun day. Congratulations to the senior boys and girls tennis teams who have progressed to the Northern Metropolitan Regional finals on 21 April. Also congratulations to the Intermediate girls softball and boys and girls tennis teams who have progressed to the NMR finals on 27 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.

School Sports Victoria Senior Summer Sports Day: The year of sports has already begun, on Tuesday 14 February, students from Years 11-12 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 were:

Boys Cricket

Game	School	Score (runs)	Result
1	Gladstone Park Secondary College	55/2 31/5	Lost

Girls Volleyball

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

Boys Volleyball

Game	School	Score (sets)	Result
1	Gladstone Park Secondary College	2-0	Lost
2	Hume Central Secondary College	2-0	Lost
3	Roxburgh Park Secondary College	2-0	Lost

All teams participated well and enjoyed the day out at sports. Good luck to the senior girls softball team who progressed straight through to the Northern Metropolitan Region which will be held on Friday 21 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 and Mr Dean Taylor
Interschool Sports Co-ordinators*

Welcome to Aitken College

A very big hello to all the new students and families who have joined us this year at Aitken. We look forward to journeying with you from Prep to Year 12, or for however long you are with us. The Chaplaincy department consists of our Uniting Church ordained Minister, Rev Jeanne Beale, Mr Lance Danger our youth Chaplain and Counsellor and myself, Director of Chaplaincy and Student Services.

As a team, we endeavour to address the task of providing spiritual and pastoral care and support to any at Aitken, staff students and families. Unfortunately, Rev Beale is on sick leave for Term 1 as she recovers from major back surgery. She is doing well and sends her best wishes.

All students at Aitken College attend a weekly chapel service. The Primary students are currently learning about Jesus' life from the manger to adulthood and what that means as he begins his adult ministry. The Secondary students have been challenged by teachings on how we judge others and understanding the wonderful parable of the Prodigal son, in which we learn that no matter how far we run from God, there is always a way back through God's mercy and forgiveness.

The Chaplaincy team are always willing to assist you and your loved ones at any time should you feel the need. Perhaps you are suffering grief or loss, or are worried about your child or other life issues. Please feel free to contact me at any time at the College. Best wishes for 2017.

*Mr Chris Ward
Director of Chaplaincy & Student Services*

Sunday Worship at Aitken College

**Sunday 19 March at 10.30am
Theme: *The Road to Easter***

At this, the first Service for 2017 we will be exploring the idea of Lent, to give up or to deny oneself some of the comfortable things we take for granted, or deeper still to consider what changes we might make to how we live, so that our faith journey is more in keeping with Christ. Also, we will look at renewal and how we can walk more closely with God in the future, putting behind us much which might weigh us down. We will find instruction in the passage from Isaiah 43: 18-19.

This service will be a simple and informal time of worship in which children and adults can share, learn, and contribute. Good music, sound teaching and puppets and an inclusive approach are the hallmarks of Sunday Worship at Aitken College. As always, we welcome anyone, not just Aitken College families. We will share in morning tea afterwards, supplied by any who feel able to bring a plate!

We look forward to seeing you in the Chapel and Performing Arts Centre foyer at 10.30am on 19 March. If you have any questions, please contact Chris Ward at the College, cward@aitkencollege.edu.au, or 9333 9213.

AITKEN COLLEGE PRESENTS



A SHOWCASE OF STUDENT TALENT

Captain's Concert

ALL DONATIONS WILL GO TO THE
LIGHTHOUSE FOUNDATION



Wednesday, March 29th
7:30 PM

CPA - Aitken College
Gold Coin Donation



Aitken College | February

At the beginning of the term the children were involved in brain storming sessions to decide what they would like to explore. This term they chose China. We explored food, music, festivals, art and flora. The children participated in many interesting activities and crafts. We made rice noodles and vegetables which everyone enjoyed and we painted Chinese cherry blossoms using the bottom of recycled bottles as stamps to make symmetrical prints.

The children also enjoyed learning about Chinese New Year and the animal zodiac signs and as a group we found a list of signs and corresponding years and we then discovered what animal represented each one of us. Next week the children have chosen, Under The Sea as a theme for us to explore.



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Reminder to all OSHC families

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