

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 2014

Mon	21 Jul	Term 3 commences
Tue	12 Aug	Parent Teacher Interviews (Prep-12)
Thu	21 Aug	Parent Teacher Interviews (Prep-12)
Fri	22 Aug	Professional Learning Day (student free)
Fri	19 Sep	Term 3 concludes
Mon	06 Oct	Term 4 commences
Mon	03 Nov	Mid Term Break
Tue	04 Nov	Melbourne Cup Day Holiday
Fri	21 Nov	Report Writing Day (student free)
Tue	09 Dec	Presentation Night (Years 3 to 12)
Fri	12 Dec	Term 4 concludes

Term dates for 2014

Term 2	22 April	to	27 June
Term 3	21 July	to	19 September
Term 4	6 October	to	12 December

Office Hours

During the school holidays the Administration office is open Monday to Friday, 9.00am - 4.00pm.

Labelled Uniform

Please ensure that your child's uniform items are all labelled with their name as this ensures a prompt return.

Thought: "Travelling and freedom are perfect partners and offer an opportunity to grow in new dimensions." Donna Goldfein

From the Principal

Holidays are times for refreshment, time to go to the movies, visit friends and playing in the park (even though it is cold). I encourage all students to make the most of the time available.

As I read through student reports it was great to see the large number of students who have worked hard and achieved satisfying results. Reports will be available on the community portal for parents to download. I encourage you to discuss reports with your children.

Last week some students participated in a school forum as part of the Cybersafety eSmart Committee. Students were given the opportunity to discuss their ideas on what could be effective ways of dealing with cybersafety education and to make it relevant to students. They were also able to comment and contribute to work done by the Committee on poster designs to remind students about keeping safe online, what to do if they feel unsafe and who they can talk to if necessary. It was a very productive session with students making valuable contributions on how to get messages across.

Well done to the Senior Boys Football team who competed in the SSV Football District Finals and winning through to the next stage. Also, well done in their victory against Melbourne High. The Senior Girls Football team went down to MacRobertson Girls High School in a very close match and the Senior Boys Soccer team won 2-0.

The Winter Soiree Concert on Wednesday evening was a real treat. There were some outstanding performances from students particularly Year 9 and Year 10.

The College's Annual Report which is required as part of our accountability to the Victorian Registration and Qualifications Authority and the Commonwealth Government is available for you to read on our website. Hard copies are available from Reception.

We thank the following teachers for their contributions this term as replacement teachers for staff on leave; Mrs Maria Licciardi, Mr Alan Harman and Mrs Ilse Thompson. Also thank you to Mrs Belinda Jarvis-Dymond for leading the English Faculty whilst Mr Anthony Politini has been on leave. We welcome back Mr Michael Slee, Mr Anthony Politini and Ms Laura Capraro for Term 3. We welcome Mrs Lyn Mackenzie as a Long Service Leave Replacement teacher for Ms Silvia Caceres in the Library.

Student Holidays: Parents are reminded of the importance of students attending school. Please refrain from extending school holiday periods as students will miss valuable learning time in the classroom.

Happy and safe holidays!

*Mrs Josie Crisara
Principal*

Student Mid-Year Reports

Mid-year reports for students of all levels (Prep–Year 12) will again be available this year via the Community Portal.

To access your child's report, go to the Aitken College website: (<http://www.aitkencollege.edu.au>) and click on *Community Portal*. You will then be prompted to enter your user name and password. Student reports may then be viewed and printed by selecting the *Docs* tab.

Semester One (2014) reports will be available via the community portal from **Friday, 27 June** after **3.30pm**.

Parent teacher interviews will be held in weeks 4 and 5 of next term and the portal will open for bookings early in the term.

*Mr Steve Craven
Director of Studies*

Term 3 Tuition Fees

Parents are reminded that Term 3 tuition fees are due **Friday, 25 July**. Term 3 statements were mailed this week. Please contact the Accounts office if not received, or if there are any queries. An administration fee of \$55.00 per term will be charged for late payments unless prior arrangements have been made with the Finance Manager.

*Mr Petar Gajic
Finance Manager*

From the Deputy Principal

Charter Bus Changes: Families using the charter buses (run by Sunbury Bus) will be notified of some changes commencing on the first day of Term 3. These changes are to ensure that the charter buses are responding to demand and that all available seats are being used where possible (please note that these services are heavily subsidised by the College). Greenvale families will be serviced by one of two buses commencing in other suburbs. A new service will cover Mickleham and Craigieburn. Families in these suburbs have been invited to express their interest in booking seats on this bus. Further details are available from Miss Diana Cohn at the College.

Melbourne Cup Tour Event: Last week, I had the pleasure of accompanying 3C students to Living Legends for a media event to announce the Melbourne Cup tour destinations. The children were given racing silks to wear and posed for media photos with past Melbourne Cup winners and the Melbourne Cup itself; they were excellent ambassadors for the College. You may have seen a recent photo in the Herald Sun.

*Mr Kim Forward
Deputy Principal*

Parents and Friends Association News

Another term has come to an end and what a busy and productive term it has been! This term we have held sausage sizzles for Kids ROC and Aitken Has Talent plus the Mothers Day High Tea which was a major success. We hope you have all enjoyed the school term and the Parents & Friends events we have been able to run.

It is wonderful to see the students enjoying the new basketball court and the beautiful trees being planted around the grounds, showing that the Parents & Friends Association is making a difference.

Some events we are working towards for Term 3 include the Fathers Day stall, picture tea-towels/aprons and a Fathers Day fundraising evening. Much to organise, though these projects should be great fun and very worthwhile.

A big thank you to our constantly hardworking Parent & Friends Committee and thank you to all the parents who help and support us on a regular basis; we could not do it without you!

Kids Reach Out Community (ROC): We hope everyone enjoyed the sausages last week at the Kids ROC pyjama party. Some of the 'onesies' were amazing. Rev Beale looked great as a Giraffe! We also had hot drinks and biscuits for sale which was very well received on the chilly night and a delicious way to warm up on a cold night.

Fathers Day Stall: This year Parents & Friends will be running the Fathers Day stall on Thursday, 4 September. We will still require parents to help out on the day, so if you are interested in helping please let us know by sending an email to: admin@aitkencollege.edu.au.

Community Business Directory: Thank you to all businesses that have advertised in our Community Business Directory. I am sure you will find it a rewarding and worthwhile advertising venture. Please see the end of the newsletter for a complete business listing. If you have any queries regarding the Business Directory, please email us at: admin@aitkencollege.edu.au.

Keep an eye out for upcoming events on our Facebook page, (Aitken College Parents and Friends) and through the newsletter.

Enjoy the holidays, keep safe and see you next term for some exciting fundraisers and events.

Mrs Siobhan Short
Aitken College Parents & Friends Association

Brookhill School Notices

End of Semester: As the last newsletter for the Semester comes around, it is time for Senior School students and parents to reflect on a very busy period and look ahead to the coming holidays and new term. I would like to start by congratulating all Senior School students on their conduct and application during the mid-year exam period. The exams all ran extremely smoothly. Teachers new to Aitken this year remarked about how seriously the Senior School students took their exams and how well behaved they were during this time.

I would also like to remind all Year 12 students about the Red Zone, which I spoke about at assembly on Monday, 23 June. This is the period from the start of Unit 3 to the end of the July holidays. I emphasised that focussed, efficient and diligent academic work during this period will confer enormous benefits at the end of the year; I also emphasised that students who fail to make the most of this period of time risk significant underachievement come final exams.

Subject Selection: Early next term, Year 10 students will start the process of selecting between undertaking a VCAL or VCE program. Those students electing to study VCE will have to choose their VCE subjects. All families of Year 10 students should look out for the VCE 2015 Information booklet, which will be posted out during the holiday break. It is important that families read this carefully, to start collecting information about the important course selection process. Students and parents should attend the 2015 Year 11 Information evening on Wednesday, 23 July, where they will receive important information about VCE/VET/VCAL programs and have the opportunity to talk to Heads of Faculty and careers staff. In the days following this, each student will have an interview with a senior staff member and another meeting with the careers staff to help them put together the best program for 2015. Families should also mark in their diaries the VCAL 2015 Information evening, to be held on Monday, 28 July.

Mr David Murphy
Head of Brookhill

VCAL News

There is an ancient belief from Chinese philosophy that: *theory without practice is foolish, but practice without theory is dangerous*. The VCAL program is built upon the theory of applied learning, providing practical education and training for young people through hands-on learning. The Personal Development Skills strand in VCAL develops knowledge, skills and attributes that lead towards the development of self, social responsibility, building community, civic and civil responsibility, (e.g. through volunteering and working for the benefit of others), improved self-confidence and self-esteem and valuing civic participation in a democratic society. So many projects the VCAL students undertake give them an opportunity to demonstrate their competence in a range of ways as well as directly benefiting the community. Last week the VCAL students were able to support a landscaping project at the College and helped Mr Hudson disperse loads of mulch along the College entrance.



Mrs Jenny Lilley
VCAL Co-ordinator

VET News

VET Subjects at Aitken College in 2015: We will be introducing exciting VET (Vocational Education and Training) options on offer to students next year. Please discuss these with your children over the holidays before they make their subject selections for 2015. We are very proud of the opportunities on offer at Aitken College for student participation and learning within the VET framework, with clear career pathways available to students.

One new course is being offered to students this year, with the total VET courses at Aitken College now nine. If your child completes all required competencies in a Year 9 or Year 10 VET course they will receive a nationally recognised VET qualification. If your child completes both years of a VCE VET course, they will receive a nationally recognised VET qualification and a contribution to their ATAR.

Here is a quick breakdown of the courses on offer:

Year 9: Music elective - Certificate I in Creative Industries

Year 10: Music electives - Certificate II in Music
Agriculture elective - Certificate I in Conservation and Land Management

VCE VET Year 11 and Year 12: Certificate II in Agriculture
Certificate II in Business
Certificate III in Catering Operations (Certificate II in Hospitality / Kitchen Operations (external course)
Certificate III in Music
Certificate III in Music - Technical Production
Certificate II and III in Sport and Recreation

Year 9 Music elective - Certificate I in Creative Industries: This course continues to offer your child the opportunity to learn musical skills and perform music, but upon successful completion of the elective, it now has the additional benefit of providing your child with a VET certificate. This course runs as a semester long elective and will be offered in both semesters; if your child is interested in this course, they should select it only once.

Year 10 Music electives - Certificate II in Music: This elective program has been modified slightly to offer students the opportunity to gain a VET certificate whilst working towards an end of year concert, learning skills in performance and production. The course will run as two semester long electives distinct from one another: Semester 1 'Music and Me' and Semester 2 'The Big Gig'. Your child can select one of the two electives and gain a statement of attainment for the competencies that they learn in one semester, but **if your child wishes to successfully complete the Certificate II in Music, they must select both electives, 'Music and Me' in Semester 1 and 'The Big Gig' in Semester 2.**

Year 10 Agriculture elective - Certificate I in Conservation and Land Management: The Year 10 Agriculture and Horticulture elective has been extremely popular in the past, allowing your child the opportunity to explore and preserve the natural environment, whilst learning practical skills. This course will continue to do all of those things, but as an added bonus, your child can obtain a VET certificate upon successful completion of the elective course. This course runs as a semester long elective and will be offered in both semesters; if your child is interested in this course, they should select it only once.

All of the following subjects are VCE VET courses completed during Years 11 and 12.

VCE VET - Certificate II in Agriculture: **If your child undertook the Agriculture elective in Year 10, I would highly recommend this course,** as it is a continuation of the understanding, knowledge and skills developed during that time. This subject provides students with enhanced employment prospects in the agriculture industry. Students will develop skills and knowledge in workplace health and safety, farm maintenance, animal husbandry and machinery and equipment operation. Aitken College is lucky to have a rich and diverse landscape within the school grounds that allows students to learn in a practical environment, putting their land management skills to the test every lesson. This course does not involve scored assessment, so it can only be counted as a 5th or 6th subject for your child's ATAR, contributing 10% of their subject 1-4 average if both years of the course are completed; due to this, there is no school assessed coursework in either year of the course and no end of year exam in Year 12.

VCE VET - Certificate II in Business: **Rather than focusing on the theoretical skills that underpin the business world, this course offers your child the chance to learn and implement practical skills** that are necessary for work in any business or office environment; giving them a head start in their future career. The program includes communicating in the workplace, organising work activities, producing word processed business documents, using business technology and creating and using spreadsheets, whilst promoting innovation and design. The Certificate II in Business is completed in Year 11 and selected units of competency from the Certificate III in Business are undertaken in Year 12. Successful completion of this two year course offers your child a Certificate II and a statement of attainment for the Certificate III and an ATAR contribution as a 1-4 subject through scored assessment.

VCE VET - Certificate III in Catering Operations (external course) and Certificate II in Hospitality / Certificate II in Kitchen Operations: This course provides students with the knowledge and practical skills to achieve competencies that will enhance their employment in the hospitality or hospitality-related industries. Students can choose between two courses, one that develops front of house skills and one that specialises in kitchen operations. These courses are run externally through an arrangement with William Angliss with classes normally running on a Wednesday afternoon, meaning that your child would miss half of their classes on that day. An enrolment fee of approximately \$1,500 - \$2,000 is charged to you across your Term 1-3 account each year of the two year course; Government funding received in Term 3 allows the school to refund approximately 70% of those fees to you each year. This course involves scored assessment in Year 12 and can contribute to your child's ATAR as a 1-4 subject.

VCE VET - Certificate III in Music: If your child is a skilled performer or composer and has aspirations to work in the performance industry as a professional musician, song writer, composer, arranger, or instrumentalist, this is the course for them. This course develops knowledge, understanding and skills within the musical framework, such as preparing for

performances, developing improvisation skills, extending technical skills in performance, operating a sound mixing console, editing sound using digital systems and expanding skills in critical listening. Successful completion of this two year course offers your child a Certificate III and an ATAR contribution as a 1-4 subject through scored assessment.

VCE VET - Certificate III in Music – Technical Production: Your child does not have to be musically gifted to take this course, as they will learn about the production aspect of performances, such as editing, mixing, equipment operations and sound management. This subject provides students with the practical skills and knowledge to record, mix and edit sound sources leading to career pathways in the music industry in areas such as sound track laying, digital editing and mixing, audio visual equipment operations and stage management. Successful completion of this two year course offers your child a Certificate III and an ATAR contribution as a 1-4 subject through scored assessment.

VCE VET - Certificate II and III in Sport and Recreation: There is not a VCE course at Aitken College that can offer your child more than VCE VET Sport and Recreation. If your child were to complete all competencies successfully across the two years of study they would receive the Certificate II AND III in Sport and Recreation and an ATAR contribution as a 1-4 subject through scored assessment. This course provides your child with the knowledge and skills that will enhance their employment prospects in the sport and recreation industries, in areas such as sports administration, event management and promotions, facility maintenance - leisure/aquatic centres, amusement parks and theme parks, fitness instructing, physical education teacher and lifeguarding. The program includes assisting in preparing and conducting sport and recreation sessions, working effectively in sport and recreation environments and responding to emergency situations.

For students who wish to undertake a VCE VET program as part of their VCE studies, it is recommended that students choose a maximum of two VCE VET courses.

If you have any questions, or would like further information about any of these courses, please email me on mpatchell@aitkencollege.edu.au.

*Mr Michael Patchell
VET Co-ordinator*

Glenarthur School Notices

By the time you read this, the semester will have ended. It has certainly passed quickly but much has happened for the Glenarthur students in the first half of the year. For the Year 8 students, the initial nervousness associated with moving from Dunhelen to Glenarthur will be very much a distant memory and as a group they have applied themselves well towards their studies and generally behaved appropriately. The Year 9 students have been very busy with a variety of co-curricular programs, including the Commonwealth Bank Smart Start financial literacy program, y-Lead leadership seminars and a number of excursions across the subject areas. They too have been very busy with increased study demands. The end of semester report will provide you with a detailed summary of your child's achievement and we strongly encourage you to spend time discussing this with them.

Earlier this week saw the annual Glenarthur Sports day held here at the College and the House spirit and camaraderie evident was undoubtedly a highlight. A number of sports were played and a special thank you is extended to Mr Mackrell and other members of staff who helped with organisation and supervision on the day.

Next term promises to again be a busy and educationally challenging one for the students but in the meantime they will have the opportunity to rest and catch up on missed sleep. Researchers inform us that teenagers at this age require 9.5 hours sleep per night but we know that many do not get this much sleep on a regular basis. Sleep deprivation has a negative impact on both the physical and mental development of adolescents, who are going through a very important growth phase at this stage of their life. If you know that your child is not getting the sleep they require, we would encourage you to talk with them about this and as a family implement a plan that enables them to address this shortfall.

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

Dunhelen School Notices

On Wednesday, 11 June the Year 6 students visited the Immigration Museum. I am certain that they learnt a lot on this trip and enjoyed hearing a little about the history of their country. Thank you to Mr Keegan for organising this excursion.



The Year 6 students also had a visit from Life Saving Victoria this week. This is a course designed to introduce students to the basics of resuscitation and safety. Thank you to Mr Prentice for organising this incursion.

We have also had a very busy couple of weeks in Dunhelen with lots of community work being undertaken. Mystique Maljanek and Alana Hrehoresen raised \$310.00 for the RSPCA through a lolly stall. Lily Hunt, Kellie Greig and Kayla Tartaglia ran a 'blanket drive' for Melbourne's Homeless. A very big thank you to Mrs Natalie Hunt who picked up the blankets, made contact with the Salvation Army and delivered them with

Lily to the Salvation Army office. With the real start of winter upon us these blankets, towels and warm clothes were so greatly appreciated.

Lily receiving a certificate of appreciation from the Salvation Army



I would like to congratulate all the students on their behavior this semester and I hope that many of them are pleased with their reports. For those who are not so pleased, I would recommend you use the holidays to reflect on what you could do to ensure your report at the end of the year is indicative of what you truly are capable of. It has been wonderful semester and am pleased to have met lots of new parents and students. I look forward to working with you again in Semester 2.

We would also like to wish Mr Van Beek a wonderful time on Long Service Leave. Ms Sarah Howells will be replacing Mr Van Beek as the 7V Homeroom teacher for Term 3.

I wish all of the Dunhelen community a very happy three-week break, whether you are travelling or at home. We look forward to seeing you all refreshed for Semester 2. Enjoy the holidays!

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

Cumberland School Notices

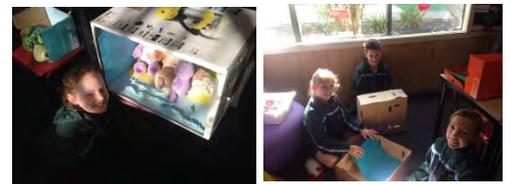
Congratulations to the Cumberland School community for reaching the end of another successful term. Winter is upon us and I know the students and staff are all ready for a holiday and some quality rest and relaxation time.

Year 3: This term has proven to be a fun and productive learning experience for our Year 3 students. They have enjoyed learning about Solids, Liquids and Gases and the relationships that occur between the three states of matter. Lessons were enhanced through engaging experiments that offered a collaborative and interactive approach to learning. The students are very excited about becoming the new master chefs with the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Gardening Program next semester.



Year 4: The Year 4 students have had another great term with the program and they have really enjoyed following recipes and tasting their creations! The Camp for Year 4 went extremely well and we were lucky as the weather was perfect. The students have begun growing mushrooms and they are hoping after the holidays they should have some tasty mushrooms ready to eat.

Year 5: Mini Goss, a touring author, visited the Year 5 classrooms earlier this term. Mini guided the students in learning how to create an ebook using toys, boxes and iPads. The students used an application called Creative Book Builder to take a number of photos and creating a video and text for their books. Lots of fun was had by all.



The Semester 1 student reports will be placed in the parent portal on Friday. Having read all the reports I can say that I am very happy with the achievements made by the students. The reports show that our students are eager to learn, have a thirst for knowledge and are well mannered, kind and considerate towards others. Please take time during the holidays to look carefully over the reports. For a small number of students, they might need to reflect on the past semester during the holidays and think about some positive learning goals for Semester 2.

I wish everyone a happy and safe holiday.

*Mr Ashley Penny
Head of Cumberland*

Fairview School Notices

Give yourself up to this moment. Dare to see it. Now look down at your feet; slip out of those invisible tethers. Then ask: Where would you take yourself right this moment if you walked toward your most heartfelt dream? What would your life look like? What would your body look and feel like? What level of energy would you have? What might be your favorite activity? What would your daily life include? Imagine happiness -- the sweet glow of inner contentment, the way it tastes and smells and feels. By Chris Downie

No need to imagine **the sweet glow of inner contentment**, it is your beautiful children!

One of my favourite reflective quotes! I hope you will have the time over the break to do a little of this with your treasured children. Wishing you all a safe and relaxing holiday!

A Special Thank You: Well done to all! It has been a very busy and hectic term and you all deserve a wonderful break. The children, staff and parents have worked extremely hard and the strong commitment and support to the College is witnessed amongst our school community.

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. During the holiday break we tend to allow the children to go to bed later. Please ensure this does not become a daily event, as trying to re-establish the school routine will be difficult.

Please note:

- Please ensure you check your child's hair for head lice at regular intervals. If your child has head lice, it is crucial that you contact the Head of School.
- It is also compulsory that all hair is tied back in a pony-tail at all times. If the hair is at a length which it can be tied back, it must be tied in a bottle green hair tie or ribbon.

The Term 3 Assembly schedule is listed below:

Chapel (9.00am) and Assembly (9.30am)

Week	Date	Year Level
1	22 July	1A
2	29 July	1Z
3	5 August	Prep F
4	12 August	Prep K
5	19 August	Prep T
6	26 August	2R
7	2 September	2M
8	9 September	1A
9	16 September	1Z

*Ms Kerrie Neophytou
Head of Fairview*

Careers News

Careers: Almost all Year 10 students have now completed the Career Voyage program. Those who were absent for the 'Career Voyage' class have had two further opportunities during lunchtimes to undertake the program. All Year 10 students will have a 30 minute one on one interview with a member of the Careers team in the first half of Term 3.

Year 12 students will have a one-on-one careers interview in the second half of Term 3. If they are applying for tertiary courses they will be assisted to input a VTAC application.

In Term 3 there will be a VCE Information night on Wednesday, 23 July and a VCAL Information night on Monday, 28 July (for current Year 10 students) and a VTAC Information night on Monday, 4 August (for current Year 12 students). Senior students will receive a calendar of Open Days early in Term 3.

Career News 9 is now available and contains information about studying the Bachelor of Agriculture, the Ready for Work program at William Angliss, a new course offered by Swinburne in 2015 - the Bachelor of Engineering (Construction) (Honours), studying the Doctor of Medicine course at the University of Melbourne, studying Public Health Promotion at La Trobe University, the new La Trobe Early Admissions scheme - Aspire, implications for tertiary fees and HECS post the 2014 Federal Budget, Career Discovery in Fashion and Textiles at RMIT, a career in Logistics, studying Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences at Monash and much 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*

Environmental Programs News

With busy schedules and the high demands of VCE, it is hard for senior students to find time to enjoy and appreciate natural outdoor environments. The Environmental Programs staff have worked hard to create an opportunity for Brookhill students to participate in an Alpine trip to Mount Hotham, for some skiing and snowboarding, from 4 - 6 September.



Many students have never been to the snow before, so this trip not only provides an opportunity for recreational down-hill excitement, but it also allows students to experience a new environment. For more information, see Ms Herron.



Ms Cristy Herron
Head of Environmental Programs

Interact Club News



Helping Kids in Cambodia: The Interact Club and Brodie House have been busy raising funds for the establishment and ongoing support of an as yet unnamed school in Bosalla Cambodia. The school will open on 26 September 2014.

Bronwyn Stephens and Rithy Lay from Rotary's World of Difference project visited Aitken College and spoke to classes in Year 9 and Year 10 as well as at the Brookhill Assembly.



As a young child Rithy was made parentless during the Pol Pot regime. He lived in pagodas and was cared for and educated by Buddhist monks. He studied at the University of Phnom Penh and is deeply familiar with all aspects of Cambodia.

Brodie House Captain, Danielle Merlino, and other students were inspired to help support children who are still suffering the ravages of war and who live in poverty. The students held a barbeque and raised funds to support a family to send their child to school for a year, as well as antibiotics, a bore pump, and exercise books for students.



If you would also like to help, you can sponsor a child for a year for \$250, or if that is not possible, you could also buy one item from the form that is attached to this newsletter. Every dollar spent goes directly to the school and is not used in administration costs.

Helping the Community: In response to the fires in Mickleham, earlier in the year, two barbeques were held at Aitken College to support the CFA. One was for the primary school and the other for the secondary school. Co-presidents Sarah Cachia and Alycia Manuel presented a cheque for \$2,000 to the Greenvale Fire Brigade who were grateful for the donation and the support from the Aitken community.



Ms Sandra Prendergast
Interact Club Coach

Performing Arts News

Across the past week more than 200 students have taken part in end of term concerts as well as many more who have shared their talents at end of term assemblies. Last Friday, students from Year 7 and Year 8 Band Programs showed us the skills they have learnt, most for the first time, on saxophone, flute, trumpet, trombone and clarinet. On Tuesday, our Aitken Songsters performed three songs at assembly while in the afternoon, students from Year 3B performed some of the songs they have learnt on violin, viola and cello. On Wednesday evening, students from many year levels entertained us in the annual Winter Music Soiree. This concert also featured many of our middle and senior secondary music classes as well as a number of our students who undertake private instrumental music lessons. Many thanks to Mr Searle, Ms Hawkins, Mrs Hutchinson and all of our visiting music teachers for their commitment to our students and providing them with the opportunity to perform. It was also so wonderful to see many parents and other family members here supporting them.

College Musical: I encourage you to book early for this year's College Musical, *The Who's Tommy*. There is a great deal of excitement amongst the cast and crew for this production which is rarely seen but has fantastic music and a great story. Our production features a nine-piece rock band, a cast of forty, multi-media elements, five different pinball machines plus many memorable songs which featured on the singles charts of the day. There are five performances only commencing on Friday, 1 August at 7.30pm. Further evening performances are on Saturday, 2 August and Saturday, 9 August. There are two matinees, the first at 4.00pm on Thursday, 7 August and the second at 2.00pm on Saturday, 9 August. Ticket prices are \$27.50 Adults, \$22.00 Concession or Family of Four \$88.80 (plus 30c per ticket booking fee). Tickets can be purchased now by going to www.trybooking.com/EKUV or by following the links from the College website www.aitkencollege.edu.au.



Following the parental guidance warning I issued in the last newsletter, I have had some enquiries requesting more details. By way of further clarification, people should be aware that there are some elements of the story that are PG rated, but we feel these elements will probably not really register with younger children. There is some violence and a character gets shot onstage in the second scene. There is a suggestion of drug taking, but in the way we have staged the scene, most children would not connect that this is what is happening.

There are also some sexual references but as most of the show is sung, with no real dialogue, children may not pick up on this. What audiences can expect, is lots of colour, movement, good music, singing and dancing that kids would really enjoy.

We are also finalising the program and invite businesses associated with the College to purchase some *advertising space*. Prices are Logo/Business Card Display (\$55 inc. gst), Quarter-Page (\$137.50) or Half-Page (\$220). Those taking out a quarter page will be offered two free tickets to opening night while those taking a half-page will receive four free tickets to opening night. Those interested should email mcooper@aitkencollege.edu.au as soon as possible. Artwork would also need to be emailed by the middle of the holidays and an invoice will be issued.

*Mr Michael Cooper
Director of Performing Arts*

Physical Education News

Primary School Sports Victoria Cross Country: During Term 2 various students in Year 3 to Year 6 have been involved in School Sport Victoria primary interschool cross country carnivals. Aitken had a team of forty students who competed at Westmeadows Reserve in the Gladstone Park Primary Schools Sport Association District Carnival on Friday, 2 May. From this Carnival twenty three students then progressed through to compete at the SSV Woodlands Division Carnival at Bundoora Park on Thursday, 12 June. Ten Aitken students then won through to compete at the SSV Northern Metropolitan Regional Carnival. All students who represented Aitken at the various cross country events should be commended for their efforts and they represented the College proudly. A special mention to Corey Akers, who finished 7th and will now represent Aitken at the School Sport Victoria State Cross Country Finals to be held on Thursday, 17 July. Results from the various events are below.

Student	GPPSSA District Carnival	Woodlands Division Carnival	Northern Metro Regional Carnival
Lachlan Plant	4 th	3 rd	40 th
Corey Akers	2 nd	2 nd	7 th
David Angove	3 rd	4 th	24 th
Anthony Ceniti	1 st	1 st	13 th
Devindi Perera	5 th	4 th	21 st
Tahlia Plant	4 th	6 th	50 th
Jacqueline Akers	1 st	1 st	13 th
Zaydan Bello	1 st	2 nd	18 th
Brandon Hay	14 th	9 th	28 th
George Tsitsinaris	5 th	7 th	20 th

*Ms Brigitte Seivers
Primary Sports Co-ordinator*

School Sports Victoria Year 8 Sports Day: On Thursday, 12 June students from Year 8 represented Aitken College in the School Sports Victoria Woodlands Division Term 2 round robin day. They competed against a number of different schools within the Hume City Council. The results from the day are:

Girls Netball

Game	School	Score (points)	Result
1	Craigieburn Secondary College	3-18	Lost
2	Hume Central Secondary College	8-10	Lost

Girls Soccer

Game	School	Score (scores)	Result
1	Craigieburn Secondary College	3-0	Won
2	Gladstone Park Secondary College	5-0	Won
FINAL	Roxburgh Park Secondary College	1-0	Won

Boys Badminton

Game	School	Score (games)	Result
1	Gladstone Park Secondary College	5-1	Won
2	Mt Ridley Secondary College	3-3	Lost
3	Hume Central Secondary College	3-3	Won
4	Craigieburn Secondary College	6-0	Won

Girls Badminton

Game	School	Score (games)	Result
1	Hume Central Secondary College	5-1	Won
2	Mt Ridley Secondary College	2-4	Lost

Boys AFL

Game	School	Score (scores)	Result
1	Hume Central Secondary College	7-4=46 3-3=21	Won
2	Gladstone Park Secondary College	0-2=2 9-9=63	Lost
3	Roxburgh Park Secondary College	4-5=29 3-3=21	Won

Year 8 Sports Day: It was fantastic to see that we had a lot of students participating in the Year 8 sports day. Congratulations to the Girls Soccer team who will progress to the Northern Metropolitan Regionals on 7 August. 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.

Northern Metropolitan Region Cross Country: On Wednesday, 18 June, 37 students enjoyed the Northern Metropolitan Region Cross Country Finals held at Bundoora Park. Students tried their hardest on the challenging course and had to overcome some tough competition. Congratulations to Amber Colin and Trent McGuire in Year 12 for finishing in 9th place and progressing on to the State Finals on Thursday, 17 July. Special mention goes to Antonie Polimeni in Year 10 and Ellie Tzaferis in Year 11 who narrowly missed out on a place in the State Finals.



There are still many more events left on the calendar this year so students should keep their eye on the bulletin for important dates.

*Mrs Natalie McNamara
Interscholar Sports Co-ordinator*

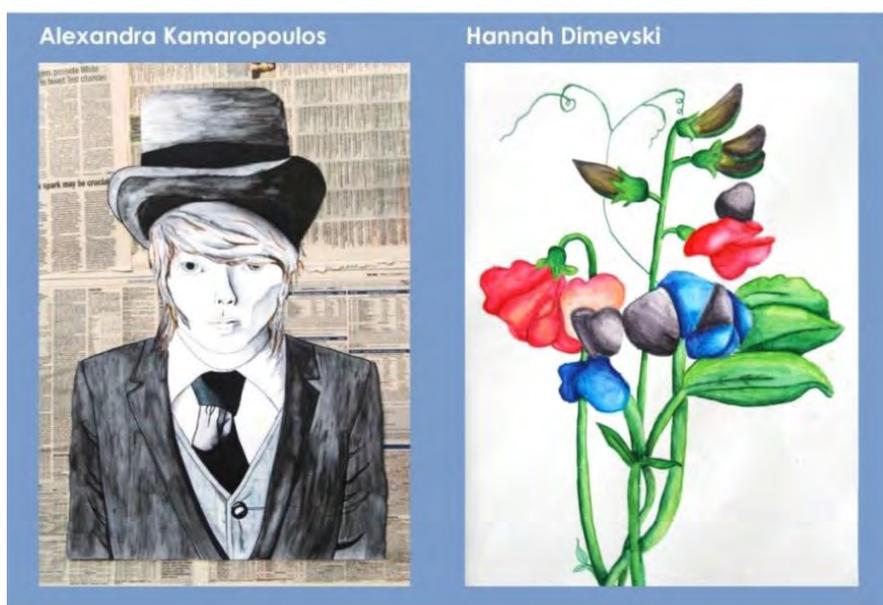
Visual Arts News

Melbourne is the host city for the 34th World Congress of the International Society for Education through Art (InSEA). The congress is held every three years and provides delegates from around the world the opportunity to meet in a stimulating backdrop for exploring and examining the theme: Diversity through Art - Change, Continuity and Context. The conference runs over a week and is a huge promotion for Melbourne and the importance of the Arts in Education as a means to connect with community, engage in dialogue about global issues, to express ideas in new ways. The programs have been designed with reference to the Australian Curriculum; there are guest speakers and tours of Melbourne.

In 2013 Schools were invited to enter two art works for an exhibition during this conference. We entered artworks completed in 2013 by Hannah Dimevski (currently in Year 7) and Alexandra Kamaropoulos (currently in Year 11). The exhibition entitled *Creating Connections* will be on display in Shell House, 1 Spring Street, Melbourne from 3 - 18 July, 2014. Times: 8.00am - 6.00pm, Monday to Friday. Special tours of the exhibition will be conducted for the delegates during the conference.

Everyone is welcome to view the exhibition. It is very exciting for our students to have been selected for this exhibition and we congratulate Hannah and Alexandra.

*Mrs Michelle McKay
Head of Faculty Visual Arts*



VCAA Plain English Speaking Award

In early June, two of our Year 12 students, Elissa Ozenc and Eleanor Gauci competed in the Regional Finals of the VCAA Plain English Speaking Award at Overnewton Anglican Community College. The competition requires students to present a five minute prepared speech and then a three minute impromptu speech. For the first round, both girls presented a speech on Climate Change. The impromptu round saw contestants receive the topic: 'Let's Celebrate', whereby they had only four minutes to plan their three minute speech. Both Elissa and Eleanor spoke for just over three minutes each which is a fantastic effort under such pressure. A lively and talented public speaker, Elissa was awarded runner-up on the day. Both girls should be commended for all their hard work and for challenging themselves by entering the competition.

*Mrs Belinda Jarvis-Dymond
Public Speaking Coach*

Aitken College Chartered Bus Services

There is the possibility of limited vacancies on the following Aitken College chartered services for Semester 2, 2014. The charter services have been re-configured and are as follows: *(existing users will be sent updated timetables).*

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OSHC NEWS



It is the last week of Term 2 already! This week we have a number of interesting activities taking place. We will explore Turkish culture with its many interesting practices and delicious food items. In the morning children will have the opportunity to squeeze their own fresh orange juice and eat pancakes.

We will also be continuing our look at Winter and make some 3D snowmen and a weather dial. As always there are many games and activities for children to entertain themselves with as we celebrate the last week of term.

Have a great mid term winter break!



Snow flake craft made by Isabella and cooking snowballs

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WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

AFTER SCHOOL CARE

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Weather dials Blocks Game boards Computer time Lumes Homework Drawing	Draw Aboriginal competition Snow men 3D Outdoor activities Scoobies Homework	Beading Homework Drawing and colouring Clay making	Turkish Culture Day Outdoor play Game boards Computers Homework	Games - Musical Chairs, Charades Movie and popcorn Free play and drawing

**Please note that some activities/menu will be subject to change and that some activities may occur more than the once mentioned. Children guide the choices.*

WEEKLY MENU

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
A.M Fresh Orange juice Toast Cereal	A.M Milk Milo Cereal Toast	A.M Milk Juice Toast Cereal	A.M Milk Milo Toast Cereal Pancakes	A.M Milk Milo Toast Cereal
P.M Toasted sandwiches Fruit and vegetables	P.M Sandwiches Rice crackers Fruit and vegetables	P.M Sweet biscuits Crackers and spreads Fruit	P.M Turkish bread Turkish dips Fruit and vegetables	P.M Corn chips Salsa Fruit Sandwiches



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Please consider helping by sponsoring a child. Sponsorship can continue to forge a special friendship with a Cambodian child and the huge satisfaction of knowing that you have given the gift of education. Tax deductible receipts are available. Other alternative ways to help are donating to give an educational resource to a child. A bicycle \$50, School books \$10, School uniform \$6.

You will receive a photo of your sponsored child and information on the school opening and teachers. Each year sponsors will receive a drawing or letter from children at the school and are encouraged to form a pen pal friendship.

Opportunity	Price (AUD)	Quantity
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Yours sincerely

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President

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