

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	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 3	24 July	to	22 September
Term 4	9 October	to	13 December

Thought: "Confidence is realising that although you aren't the best at something, you still enjoy doing it." Anonymous

From the Principal

Yesterday I had the privilege of listening to Sir John Jones, a leading educator and speaker on leadership. In his presentation, he spoke about the importance of feedback to improve learning. The College's approach to providing rich feedback through rubrics throughout the semester has that goal of assisting students in determining what it is that they need to do next to make further progress. Sir John Jones then highlighted those skills young people need to have to engage in the jobs of the future in a rapidly changing future. They were:

- Creativity
- Ingenuity
- Agility
- Adaptability
- Sociability

When you receive student summary reports for the semester, it is important to focus on the approaches to learning which give students feedback on those key skills which we have called self improvement, perseverance, respect, creativity and collaboration. These are the 21st century skills that make a difference to opportunities.

Staff Changes for Term 3: The following staff will be joining us in Term 3 as replacement teachers for those taking leave.

Ms Rachel MacMillan Year 2

Mrs Helena Mallon Year 3

Mr Musaab Rawasia Biology/Chemistry/Science

Mr Daniel Kuppe Year 7 Homeroom, PE, Life Skills

Ms Kate Riddell Outdoor Environments, PE

Ms Juliana Spaleta will be Acting in the role of Head of Faculty Life Skills and Ms Sarah Dennis Acting Head of Environmental Programs.

Thank you to Mrs Linda Camilleri for taking on the role of Acting Head of Faculty Visual Arts and Mr Michael Cooper on Acting VCE Co-ordinator during Term 2.

Thank you to Ms Samantha McAdam, Mr Asanka Gunarathna and Mrs Annalise Fosbery for their contributions this term.

We will welcome back Mr Joel McKay, Mrs Michelle McKay, Ms Jill Johnson and Ms Jane Heasly in Term 3.

We say farewell to Ms Ainslie Ryan as she travels to teach overseas and wish Ms Cristy Herron and Ms Brigitte Seivers all the best with the upcoming new addition to their families.

I will be on leave for the first six weeks of Term 3. In my absence Mr Kim Forward will be Acting Principal and Mr Michael Cooper will be Acting Deputy Principal.

We have an excited group of students and staff who left for the Indonesia trip yesterday. This is a great opportunity for students to develop their language skills and get a first hand cultural experience.

On Wednesday evening the Senior Music Soiree was a feast of musical acts where students were able to perform and showcase their talents. Also working hard were the VET Music Technical Production and Media crew students involved in ensuring the backstage and filming elements of the event ran smoothly. The large audience were very appreciative of a fantastic show.



We congratulate two students, Amy Graham and Matthew Portlock who have achieved one of the highest awards in the Tullapark Cub scouts this week - The Grey Wolf award. These awards require demonstration of leadership, commitment and participation in community. Those skills mentioned earlier.

I wish all families all the best for these holidays.

*Mrs Josie Crisara
Principal*

Continuous Feedback and Semester 1 Reports

Semester 1 Reports were published to the Community Portal this afternoon. An email was sent to all parents and guardians advising availability and included details on how to access the reports.

The Semester 1 Report provides you with summary information about your child's achievement and attitudes to learning in each of their subjects, along with a Homeroom teacher's comment. It is designed to be read in conjunction with the ongoing feedback that has been provided throughout the semester via My Aitken. This shorter style of report is helping us to ensure that you and your children receive detailed feedback on learning when, or shortly after it happens during the year, so that students are better placed to make the recommended improvements as soon as possible.

More details about the Assessment and Reporting program can be found at:

<https://myaitken.fireflycloud.net.au/reporting-and-assessment>

*(Ms) Kerri Batch
College Head of Learning*

From the Deputy Principal

Holiday Program: Kelly Sports are hosting a holiday program for children aged 4 to 12 during the holidays from Monday 3 July to Friday 21 July. Flyers have been sent home to all Prep to Year 6 families. The program is being held at Aitken College but is open to any families in the local area. All enquires to Kelly Sports at 9384 2204 or www.kellysports.com.au.

Term 3: Please note that Term 3 commences on a Day 1 on our two-week timetable. Student timetables can be viewed during the holidays on My Aitken or on the Community Portal.

*Mr Kim Forward
Deputy Principal*

Parents and Friends Association News

What an action-packed term we have had! We are certainly ready for these holidays! Thank you to everyone's support throughout the term. We are looking forward to another busy and productive term after the break.

Yesterday's pre-loved uniform sale was one of our most successful yet. Thank you to the mums who volunteered their time to help set up and sell at the stall.

We have lots planned for next term. We will need help in the canteen for the College musical, 'Footloose', as well as helpers for the Father's Day breakfast and stall. If interested, please contact us via Facebook or email us at pandf@aitkencollege.edu.au

Have a safe break and we will see you in Term 3!

*Mrs Allison Phelan
Secretary - Parents and 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 period of time. I would also like to remind all Year 12 students about the Red Zone. This is the **47-day period** from the start of Unit 3 on 14 June to the end of the July holidays. I remind students and families that focussed, efficient and diligent academic work during this period will result in enormous benefits at the end of the year; I also emphasise 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 have received the VCE 2018 Information booklet. It is important that families read this carefully and start collecting information about the important course selection process. Students and parents should attend the 2018 Year 11 information evening on Wednesday 26 July, where they will receive important information about VCE/VET/VCAL programs and have the opportunity to talk to the 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 2018.

Families should also mark in their diaries the VCAL 2018 information evening, to be held on Monday 31 July.

*Mr David Murphy
Head of Brookhill*

VCAL News

All students undertaking the VCAL program at Aitken College participate in the **Structured Workplace Learning (SWL)** at the end of Term 2 and Term 3. The aim of SWL is for students to get a practical experience of their chosen career field. This is also viewed as a way for students to experience 'job hunting' and develop appropriate skills. Work experience places include the building and construction industry, cafes, bakeries, hotels, charities, administration work and in the engineering industry.



*Mrs Jenny Lilley
VCAL Co-ordinator*

Dunhelen School Notices

This week you will be receiving your child's report. Please take the time to look at it and discuss with your child. It is very important to show an interest in your child's achievements and give them time to reflect. For some students, it is a wonderful achievement of all their hard work; others, however, may want to use the holidays to think about how they can further improve next semester.

For many subjects, next semester's work has already begun and students may have some work to do over the break. Certainly, English novels should be read in preparation and there may be other tasks that students may have to complete. It has been a wonderful semester and I am pleased to have met lots of new parents and students. I would like to congratulate all the Dunhelen students on their hard work and commitment this semester. A very big thank you to the Assistant Heads of School and the Homeroom teachers, who do an amazing job. I am sure that all students and staff are looking forward to a well-earned rest.

If you are travelling or just enjoying time at home, I wish you all a safe and relaxing break. I look forward to a wonderful Semester 2. Happy Holidays!

*Mrs Francis Scuderi
Head of Dunhelen*

Cumberland School Notices

Safe and Restful Holidays: Holidays are always exciting times for students; however, in their excitement, they often forget about safety rules. Please remind your children of these as they begin their well-earned break.

1. Know Your Name, Number and Address
2. Do Not Share Address and Phone Details with Anyone (Except Emergency Situations)
3. Do Not Eat Anything Given by A Stranger
4. Playing or Experimenting with Fire Is Not Allowed
5. Never Go Anywhere with A Stranger
6. No One Is Allowed to Touch Your Kid's Body
7. If You Get Lost, Stay Where You Are

ACE Card Recipients 26 June

Year 3

Liana Klaric	Spades	Clarke
Violet Barfoot	Spades	Cameron
Victoria Phelan	Spades	Brodie
Brock McDonald	Spades	Brodie
Anna Konidaris	Spades	Millar
Oliver Pedersen	Spades	Clarke
Hayley Graham	Spades	Cameron
Kyan Costantini	Hearts	Brodie
Tara Sutton	Hearts	Cameron
Georgia Demirtel	Hearts	Cameron
Stefanie Rakintzis	Hearts	Cameron
Keira Malignaggi	Hearts	Clarke
Harry Dymond	Diamonds	Cameron
Oliver Koutsandreou	Diamonds	Clarke

Year 4

Lana Gorgievski	Diamonds	Brodie
Sienna Grgis	Hearts	Cameron
Adem Polatkesen	Clubs	Millar
Luke Menzies	Spades	Millar

Year 5

Aiden Fuller	Diamonds	Millar
Jeyan Hafouz-Housein	Spades	Brodie
Rhiannon Hall	Hearts	Millar
Kayla Dennis	Diamonds	Brodie
Poppy Belofastov-Gee	Spades	Millar
Deniz Bektas	Clubs	Brodie
Elizabeth Rimy	Hearts	Cameron
Stella Tsavalias	Diamonds	Millar
Thomas Johnson	Hearts	Clarke
Andre Sayed	Spades	Clarke
Devmi Peiris	Diamonds	Clarke
Leyla Omer	Spades	Brodie
Rohan Kukreja	Clubs	Cameron
Brennyn Ingvorsen-Lamborn	Hearts	Clarke

Year 6

Leah Keegan	Diamonds	Cameron
Jake McPherson	Spades	Millar
Sahana Shandil	Hearts	Brodie
Isabel Torres	Clubs	Clarke
Emily Nassar	Hearts	Brodie
Tyronne Iloski	Diamonds	Brodie
Aylssa Goulding	Hearts	Millar
Breeannen Zimsen-Skidmore	Spades	Brodie
Mary-Rose Andreoli	Spades	Millar
Lachlan Adams	Spades	Cameron
Havin Yucel	Spades	Clarke
Luke Deligeorges	Spades	Millar
Jackson Clark	Spades	Cameron
Phoebe Lin	spades	Clarke
Jasmine Edgar	Diamonds	Millar
Malinsa Harshadeva	Diamonds	Cameron

	Brodie	Cameron	Clarke	Millar
Last week	103	160	122	156
This week	115	173	133	167

**Ms Karen McArdle
Head of Cumberland**

Fairview School Notices

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.

Student Report: As you read your child's report, take the time to celebrate their wonderful achievements. They have worked extremely hard and achieved individual growth, which contributes to our fruitful community. We have focused on the "Approaches to Learning", which identifies your child's capabilities to learn. It is important to take the time to read this section, as it allows parents to see how your child has progressed. In Fairview, we not only focus on the academic growth; but also, how they establish and maintain friendships, and develop their long lasting social network.

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 Fairview 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 establish the school routine will be difficult.

Term 3 Assembly Schedule

Chapel (9.00am) and Assembly (9.30am)

Week	Date	Class Focus
1	24/7/2017	Ms Neophytou
2	31/7/2017	Year 2A
3	7/8/2017	Year 2B
4	14/8/2017	Year 1A
5	21/8/2017	Year 1M
6	28/8/2017	Prep B
7	4/9/2017	Prep J
8	11/9/2017	Prep K
9	18/9/2017	Ms Neophytou

The Fairview staff wish you all a safe and relaxing holiday. I hope you enjoy the time with your children.

**Ms Kerrie Neophytou
Head of Fairview**

Careers News

Year 10 Careers Program: All Year 10 students participated in this program which took place on Thursday 22 June. Students completed Career Voyage - a software package which looks at the interests and abilities of the student and produces a list of possible job suggestions on completion of the program. Students were also given a lime green folder containing useful resources for their career and course exploration and research and shown how to use the resources. These resources are able to be used now and well into the future. It was suggested they be stored somewhere easily accessible so they can be referred to often over the next many years as students commence their lifelong career journey. Students listened very attentively and were a pleasure to work with. We are looking forward to getting to know the Year 10 students and to working further with them as they progress through Brookhill.

As a follow up to this program, and in preparation for the big decisions which need to be made during Term 3, Mrs Borg attended the Year 10 Lifeskills classes this week to take questions and provide more information to the students and parents. Students will be able to attend a VCE Information evening on Wednesday 26 July and a VCAL Information evening on Monday 31 July.

The Year 10 Careers panel, where Alumni return to the College to talk about their journeys post Aitken, will take place during Period 2 on Friday 28 July; a further source of information for the Year 10 students. Students will also have an interview with their Head of House and a 30 minute one-on-one interview with a member of the Careers team to assist them with the decision-making process. There is a lot of help available! As with most things the more effort students put into thinking about these decisions and the more research they undertake, the wiser the decisions they will make. Please contact Careers staff via email if you have any queries about the process for Term 3.

Career News: This is now available and contains information about the ACU Early Achievers' Program (EAP) - applications close 17 July, the La Trobe Aspire early offer program, the SpotJobs Careers Expo, a career as a Veterinarian, studying Law in Victoria, the University of Melbourne JD Showcase, quick facts about VU, new selection procedures for teaching, a school holiday Fashion course at Box Hill, Experience La Trobe these school holidays, the Bachelor of Tourism (Ecotourism) at William Angliss - new in 2018 and much more.

The Careers Newsletter is available via MyAitken. 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

Extension Program News

Aitken College attends G.A.T.E.WAYS - Eureka Program at Penleigh and Essendon Grammar School: On Thursday 15 June, Aitken College was invited to participate in the G.A.T.E.WAYS - Eureka Program at Penleigh and Essendon Grammar Junior School. The students participated in three hands-on workshops based on the theme: '*Maths on the Move*'. They were required to use their reasoning skills, make logical connections between ideas and analyse data to navigate their way through the workshops to discover the 'why' as well as the 'how' of mathematics. Here is what the students thought of the day:

I participated in the Maths Eureka Program to do Maths all day. It was called Maths on the Move. There were three colour groups. I was in the green group. We did three activities. In Penguin on an Escalator, we used halves and numbers. In Ride Around the World, we used multiplication division and equals and in Race Against the World's Fastest Man we used multiplication, weight, length, size and equals to work out the problem. My favourite workshop was 'Ride Against the Fastest Man' because it was the most challenging for me. It was hard to figure out but I had a lot of fun solving it.

Brandon Sargent (Year 2)

At G.A.T.E.WAYS we did a lot of Maths activities. It was really fun because I love maths and the whole day was about maths. We got to meet people from different schools and some were really helpful. G.A.T.E.WAYS was a big challenge for me but being in Extension Maths helped me a lot because it was all about problem-solving. My favourite problem was the Usain Bolt activity because we had to measure our height and use calculators to measure our height into the distance we would run in a race against him. He would run 100 metres, while we ran the number that came up on our calculator. Mine was 76.5 metres.

Harry Dymond (Year 3)

We went to Penleigh and Essendon Grammar to participate in the Eureka Program – Maths on the Move. There were 3 hands-on workshops with three different presenters. In Penguins on an Escalator, we found out how many steps were on the escalator and how many steps the penguin travelled per second. In Ride Around the World, we converted currencies to see how much an \$80 Dreamworld one day pass would cost in different currencies from around the world and in Race Against the World's Fastest Man, we worked out how far we should run against Usain Bolt in proportion to our height for it to be fair. All the activities were lots of fun. The most challenging and satisfying activity was Penguins on an Escalator. It was a great day and I would love to do it again soon.

Darcy McIntosh (Year 3)



Mrs Mary Ann Di Martino
Head of Extension Programs

Humanities News

Congratulations to Angela Schultz of Year 8 for her outstanding model of England's Bodiam Castle, made as a work-in-progress complete with medieval winch! She was the winner of the 2017 Aitken Model Competition. Congratulations to everyone who entered. Watch out for our Term 4 map competition.



For Year 7-9 students, we switch from teaching History to teaching Geography...fun!

I hope you all have a really enjoyable three-week holiday!

Mr Ben Lawless
Head of Humanities

Performing Arts News

A very busy couple of weeks in the Performing Arts Faculty. Two fantastic concerts: Junior and Senior Winter Music Soiree's were held over the past two Wednesday's featuring over 120 students. These students are part of some of the ensembles we have running, are involved in one of our music classes or are taking private instrumental music lessons. Some of them fit into none of the categories above and so auditioned to perform.

We are fortunate to be able to offer opportunities for all students of the College to perform. Thanks to our Aitken Music Staff, the Instrumental Music Teachers and the parents who have supported the students in preparing for the concert. The audience numbers were fantastic this year, and it was wonderful to see the community supporting the efforts of our students. I have included some photos of the concerts for you.



Riley Pedersen - Year 5



Songsters - Years 1 - 6



Band Academy



Senior Guitar Ensemble



Footloose Cast



Vox Pop Students

The Junior School Performing Arts Captains, ran a Performing Arts Assembly for Cumberland students on Monday. They ran a Trivia and a Drama game which involved student/teacher audience participation. Year 6 student, Simona Matracchi, performed 'Puddles' on the piano. Well done to Captains, Jack Wyllie and Malinsa Harshadeva for their effort in organising a fantastic assembly.

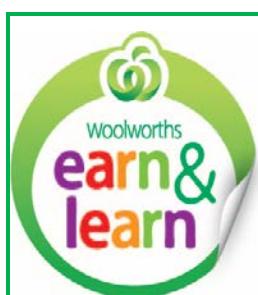


I would also like to congratulate one of our Year 3 students, Stefanie Rakintzis. She was selected by her dance school to perform in the Musical Production of Prince Siddhartha at the Athenaeum Theatre earlier on in the month. Congratulations Stefanie, what a fantastic opportunity!



Miss Claire Colthup, Mr Nicholas Frampton and I are extremely pleased with the rehearsals for *Footloose the Musical*. The students are working particularly hard, both cast and crew, as we approach Opening Night in a few weeks. Tickets are on sale now by following the link on the College website or go to <https://trybooking.com/PYPL>. Performances commence on Friday 4 August and include two matinees at 4.00pm on 10 August and at 2.00pm on 12 August. Ticket prices are \$27.50 adults, \$22.00 for fulltime students and pensioners (plus booking fees). There is also a special family ticket price available with a family of four for \$88.80 (plus booking fees). We still have a couple of spaces left for any families who would like to advertise their business in the program. Prices are Logo/Business Card Display (\$55 inc. gst), Quarter-Page (\$137.50) or Half-Page (\$220.00). 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. Please email bthomson@aitkencollege.edu.au and an invoice will be issued. Final artwork will be required by Friday 7 July.

Ms Beth Thomson
Acting Director of Performing Arts



Woolworths Earn & Learn 2017

This year we are again participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. Through this program we will be able to get new educational resources.

From Wednesday 26 July to Tuesday 19 September each sticker you earn, for every \$10 spent, can be collected, placed on a sticker sheet and dropped into the Collection Box at Reception or at your local Woolworths.

Aitken College Performing Arts Presents



FOOTLOOSE THE MUSICAL

FOOTLOOSE

Stage Adaptation by DEAN PITCHFORD and WALTER BOBBIE

Based on the Original Screenplay by Dean Pitchford

Music by TOM SNOW

Lyrics by DEAN PITCHFORD

Additional Music by ERIC CARMEN, SAMMY HAGAR, KENNY LOGGINS and JIM STEINMAN

DIRECTOR/CHOREOGRAPHER

Miss Claire Colthup

MUSICAL DIRECTOR

Mr Nicholas Frampton

4, 5 & 11 August 7:30pm

10 August 4:00pm

12 August 2:00pm

Aitken College CPA
1010 Mickleham Rd, Greenvale

www.trybooking.com

FOOTLOOSE is presented through special arrangement with ORiGiN™ Theatrical on behalf of R & H Theatricals: www.rnh.com



Aitken College Year 12 Farmer's Market



Farmers Market
Friday, 11th of August 2:30 pm (Carpark)
Friday, 25th of August 2:30 pm

Currently the year 12 Agriculture and Horticulture class are partaking in the assessed business project which offers the Aitken community farm fresh quail eggs, terrariums, herbs, fresh vegetables and egg laying chickens and quails (point of lay).



HOLIDAY TENNIS CLINIC

When: First Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of School Holidays

Where: Greenvale Tennis Club

Time: 9 am – noon

Cost: \$25 per day or \$60 for 3 days



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