

# NEWSLETTER

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## College Mission . . .

Building on a foundation of Christian values, the mission of Aitken College is to enable students to become informed and compassionate members of the wider community by inspiring academic achievement and creativity, nurturing self worth, encouraging environmental responsibility and committing to service with and for others.

## Important Diary Dates for 2017

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

## Term Dates for 2017

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

Thought: "Growing up is, after all, only the understanding that one unique and incredible experience is what everyone shares."  
Doris Lessing

## From the Principal

**Parent Engagement in Learning:** The most powerful single modification that enhances achievement is feedback. The simple prescription for improving education must be 'dollops of feedback' (Hattie 1992). Teachers across all year levels have been implementing continuous feedback via My Aitken as an approach to assist students to improve their learning and to keep parents informed. Over 70 primary parents attended the recent information evening on how to assist children with learning. The Primary English, Mathematics and Integrated Studies co-ordinators presented information on the approaches to learning used in the classroom and gave suggestions on how that understanding could be used to help students with their reading, mathematics and research skills. Thank you to Mrs Anne Adams, Mrs Sharon Peluso and Ms Bianca Duell for providing such informative presentations.

**NAPLAN:** Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will be undertaking NAPLAN next week. This is just one of a 'suite' of measures used to measure student progress. The classroom teacher is the best resource in gaining an understanding. Students are encouraged to do their best. There is no additional preparation required.

**Congratulations:** Last week I attended the VCE Premier's Awards Ceremony; a ceremony to celebrate the high achieving students from the 2016 VCE cohort. 23 students received the Premier's Award for overall excellence and just over 260 students received subject awards from nearly 50,000 students who undertook VCE studies. Kate Blaschka received an award for her work in VET Equine Studies and we congratulate her on her outstanding achievement.



**Middle School Play:** The 'Wind in the Willows' was performed to appreciative audiences. The Dunhelen students in the performance brought the characters to life and the Year 10 Theatrecraft class who did all the behind the scenes work – stage management, lighting, sound and set design demonstrated their professional flair.



*Mrs Josie Crisara  
Principal*

## Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) Term 2 Applications

The Victorian Government has established a Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) to provide payments to eligible students to attend camps, sports and excursions. Families holding a valid means-tested concession card such as: Centrelink Health Care Card / Pension Concession Card or Veterans Affairs Gold 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 account and be tied to the student. If you have not applied for 2017 application forms may be obtained from the College or downloaded from: <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/Documents/about/programs/health/csefapplicationform.pdf> and must be lodged at the school by Friday 23 June 2017. Eligibility criteria apply. For more details please refer to <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/csef>

## NAPLAN Testing

The **National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN)** is an assessment program for all students in Australian schools in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 which tests knowledge and skills in Literacy and Numeracy. It has been held annually in Australian schools since 2008. The results of the tests provide information for students, parents, teachers and school leaders about student achievement which can be used to support teaching and learning programs.

While it had been our intention to participate in the Online NAPLAN tests this year, these have been postponed until 2018 nationwide, due to security concerns with the on-line test browser. Hence, all schools in Australia will be doing paper-and-pen tests in 2017. NAPLAN testing will be held at the following times:

Tuesday 9 May	9.00am	Language Conventions test
	11.20am	Writing test
Wednesday 10 May	9.00am	Reading test
Thursday 11 May	9.00am	Numeracy test

Students who are absent on these dates can only undertake catch-up tests if they are at school on Friday 12 May. I would encourage parents to ensure that all students are at school on the dates listed above, unless the students are too unwell to attend, so that parents and teachers receive results for the relevant students.

NAPLAN tests fundamental skills rather than specific content, and as such are not tests for which students can study or drill. The best way you can help your child prepare for NAPLAN is to let them know that NAPLAN is just one part of their school program, and to urge them to simply do the best they can on the day. The use of commercially available practice materials or services by coaching providers are not recommended.

Please note that all students in Years 7 & 9 will need to use a calculator for some sections of the Numeracy test. There are strict rules in force regarding the use of the calculators during the NAPLAN test. Any breach of these rules will be handled according to the ACARA (Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority) NAPLAN guidelines for cheating. Please note that students are NOT allowed to use the calculator functions or apps on iPads for NAPLAN testing.

Parent reports provide detailed information about the results of each student on the testing days in Literacy and Numeracy, showing how each student's achievement level compares to others in Australia. The results do take some time to arrive and are provided by government bodies – generally they are available by the end of Term 3. More information about the results will be provided in due course.

An information brochure about the tests, prepared for parents by ACARA, has been sent home via students in Years 3, 5, 7 & 9 and is also available at the following link:  
<http://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/Documents/naplan/schools/2017/ParentInfoLeaflet.pdf>

Please feel free to contact me about NAPLAN testing if you have any questions.

*Ms Kerri Batch  
College Head of Learning*

## From the Deputy Principal

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

**Mickleham Road Entrance:** Parents are asked to please observe the signposted restrictions on turning right from the College into Mickleham Road during peak times. These are VicRoads restrictions and can result in a fine if an infringement is detected.

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

*Mr Kim Forward  
Deputy Principal*

## Parents and Friends Association News

We are always very excited about Mothers Day. Thursday 11 May is the Mothers Day breakfast and stall. Thank you to all of those who have volunteered their time to help. We are still looking for volunteers to help with the cooking of the bacon and egg rolls. If you are able to spare an hour next Thursday morning please let us know. Any time you can help between 6.00am and 8.30am will be greatly appreciated. Email [pandf@aitkencollege.edu.au](mailto:pandf@aitkencollege.edu.au)

Do not forget we still have our school umbrellas for sale in the accounts office. Only \$10 each, so get in quick to grab one and stay dry this winter!

If you have a business big or small, that you would like to advertise in our Business Directory for only \$50 per year, please fill in the form at the end of this newsletter and return it to the Accounts office.

We look forward to celebrating Mothers Day with you next Thursday. Do not forget to get your RSVP's in!

*Mrs Allison Phelan  
Secretary - Parents and Friends Association*

## Brookhill School Notices

**Year 11 Presentation Ball:** Dance lessons will start on Monday 22 May, in preparation for the annual Year 11 Presentation Ball, to be held on Saturday 2 September. Students will once again be under the guidance of dance teacher, Mr Sebastian Riscica, and will have ten lessons and a full day rehearsal at Moonee Valley on Tuesday 29 August. There will be three dance practice time slots: Mondays 3.30pm to 4.40pm; Tuesdays 3.30pm to 4.30pm and Wednesdays 3.30pm to 4.30pm. Participating students will receive notification shortly of which session they are allocated to. Invitations for families to attend the Ball will be mailed to families towards the end of term. Tickets will be purchased through Trybooking online booking; detailed instructions of the booking procedure will also be mailed to families.

**Mid-Year Exams:** Mid-year exams are approaching. Year 10 and Year 11 exams will take place from Tuesday 13 June to Monday 19 June. The GAT, for all students studying a Unit 3/4 subject, is on Wednesday 14 June. It is very important that all students make mid-year exams their highest priority over this period of time. The exam timetable is quite tight and students will have more than one exam on a day on some occasions. This means that Year 10 and Year 11 students will have to prioritise study over the next few weeks. Organisational skills and forward planning will be important; study cannot be left to the night before an exam, particularly if there are two exams in a particular day.

I strongly encourage all parents to talk to their children about their preparation for the upcoming exams. At this stressful time, students need loving support and gentle encouragement from their families; parents should focus on helping children to achieve their own personal best performance. The following advice from Elevate Education, who provide Study Skills education to Aitken College is pertinent:

Notes should be complete at least 2 weeks before the exam. You need good notes for final preparation, but making notes in the last couple of weeks is less effective. Elevate recommends the following process for effective use of notes:

1. Write notes.
2. Review notes within minutes of completing them.
3. Review the same notes after 24 hours.
4. Review the same notes twice in that week.

Use colour in your notes and use key trigger words to aid memory recall. Do not try and memorise large chunks of notes, but develop recall techniques around trigger words and phrases and colour.

*Mr David Murphy  
Head of Brookhill*

## VCAL News

**Blanket Donations Needed:** This term the Year 12 VCAL students are accepting donations of old blankets or any thick cloth or fleecy material. The community project involves the students creating and designing smaller blankets from them. They will be cutting and hemming the material before they are donated to the Cat Protection Society. The blankets will be placed with a newly adopted cat, so that they can go to their new home complete with a comfy blanket. We are hoping to receive a generous amount of blanket donations as the students, along with Mrs Harsan, are planning to make at least 100 blankets. Please help our project by donating any material or old blankets. We would gratefully appreciate your support. Donation boxes are situated at Reception and the Senior School office for your convenience.

*Year 12 VCAL students and Mrs Harsan*



*Mrs Jenny Lilley  
VCAL Co-ordinator*

## VET News

**Vocational Education and Training (VET):** Aitken College currently has just over 170 students enrolled across twenty different VET courses. Some of these courses are taken on site in the way of VET Music, VET Business and VET Sport and Recreation. Others are offered off site at a TAFE or a similar institution; including, amongst others, Electrotechnology, Building and Construction, Hospitality, Hairdressing and Health Assistance. Because VET involves hands-on learning, all the subjects have a large practical element to them which includes venturing out into the work place and experiencing real-world job participation as part of satisfying the components of certain units of work. Students learn much more about different occupations this way than they could ever learn at school.

**Work Placement Opportunities:** Of late a couple of offers have come our way from families within the Aitken College Community who would like to accommodate students within Structured Work Place Learning (SWL). It is always good if we can mutually assist one another within our community by way of learning for students and perhaps them, in turn, lending a helping hand to businesses at the same time. If you have a business or a business contact that you think would like to participate in this please send the details to me at: [cflynn@aitkencollege.edu.au](mailto:cflynn@aitkencollege.edu.au)

The dates for this term are from Monday 26 June to Friday 30 June, (the last five days of Term 2). The second week runs from Monday 18 September to Friday 22 September (the last five days of Term 3).

Students study in specific areas but they also have need of any work experience, so this list is by no means finite. They can assist in **any** field, doing jobs for which they do not need specific qualifications.

- Building and Construction
- Auto Mechanics
- Personal Training
- Hair and Beauty
- Child Care
- Electrical
- Health
- Animal Services
- Refrigeration/Air Conditioning
- Justice
- Office Work
- Computers
- Hospitality (food/front office)
- Landscaping/Horticulture
- Tourism

*(Mrs) Caron Flynn  
VET Coordinator*

## Dunhelen School Notices

A great day was had by all at the Dunhelen Athletics carnival which was held at Meadowglen Athletic stadium on Monday 24 April. The students participated amazingly and were very enthusiastic to see their house achieve. It was lovely to also see some parents come along and join us for the day - thank you. A big thank you to the PE Department and especially Mrs Wachter and Mrs Dowling for their organisation of the day.



On Thursday 27 April, the Year 8 students enjoyed the yLead day. This is a program designed to empower young students and develop leader potential. It is about making a positive contribution to their school community. A very big thank you to Mr Patchell for organising and overseeing the day.



*Mrs Francis Scuderi  
Head of Dunhelen*

## Cumberland School Notices

The students have settled quickly into school routines following their Easter break. They certainly look very smart in their Winter uniforms and I thank all parents for helping them to look so smart. I know the efforts of making sure uniforms fit and are not too short, that tights don't have holes in them and that all winter clothes are freshly laundered before their return to school. Thank you for your efforts.

**Year 4 Camp:** The Year 4 Camp is next week and students will depart the College at **9.00am** on Wednesday 10 May and will return at approximately **3.00pm** on Friday 12 May.

**Parent Information Evenings:** A very successful evening was held last Wednesday on, How to Support your Child with Homework. It was very well attended. The night showcased the reading, spelling and writing programs used at the school; the new approach to Mathematics which focuses on understanding and finding multiple ways to solve tasks, and the higher order thinking strategies used in Integrated Studies. If you would like other topics covered in future, please let me know. We value the partnership between home and school and wish to strengthen the knowledge, understanding and shared skills we have to achieve better outcomes for the students.

**Correct Earrings/Nail Polish:** The correct earrings for girls in Cumberland are small simple gold or silver sleepers or studs. Earrings with stones, pearls, shapes and colours are not allowed. I ask for your assistance in making sure girls attend with the correct earrings. I have noticed a few girls with coloured nail polish coming to school. I ask that you check that coloured nail polish is removed before the girls come to school, especially after weekends. I thank you in advance for your support in these matters.

**Peer Support Leaders:** At Assembly last week, we acknowledged and congratulated the students in Year 6 who were selected to be Peer Support Leaders. Their role is to support and develop the life skills of students in the Prep years. The leaders participated in a whole day's training program earlier in the year in preparation for the program's commencement. Last week saw the last of the Buddy Sessions until Term 4. Both the prep students and the Year 6 students have thoroughly enjoyed their time together.



### ***Factors Contributing to Success at School***

As both a teacher and school leader, I am constantly questioning how to help students achieve greater success with their learning. When looking at this issue, there are a number of variables to consider: the student (learner), the teacher, and parents. In this article, I will focus on the learner.

**The learner** brings to the learning environment their culture, potential, genetic make-up, family context and mindset. While schools have no influence over some of these, we do have some influence over mindset, which in turn, influences potential and success. Mindset can be described as how a learner perceives themselves and their ability, as well as their attitudes to the learning and school work they do at school and at home.

'Mindset is a simple idea discovered by world-renowned Stanford University psychologist Carol Dweck in decades of research on achievement and success—a simple idea that makes all the difference.

In a fixed mindset, people believe their basic qualities, like their intelligence or talent, are simply fixed traits. They spend their time documenting their intelligence or talent instead of developing them. They also believe that talent alone creates success—without effort. They're wrong.

In a growth mindset, people believe that their most basic abilities can be developed through dedication and hard work—brains and talent are just the starting point. This view creates a love of learning and a resilience that is essential for great accomplishment. Virtually all great people have had these qualities.'

[<http://mindsetonline.com/whatisit/about/>]

Further reaing : <http://www.mindsetworks.com/page/what-is-the-growth-mindset.aspx>

As teachers and parents, we need to instil in our children greater self-belief and a 'growth mindset' - one where they believe they can continually develop and grow their capacity to learn and succeed.

Firstly, they need to believe that they can increase their ability through hard work, dedication and initial errors moving towards valuing learning as a goal. They need support to do this from both teachers and parents. Children are frequently overwhelmed by the enormity of things and cannot see where to start. Parents will observe this when asking children to clean their rooms if they do not have a starting point or a system in place to do the task. We, as parents, forget that we were taught how to do it, often along-side our parents who modelled the process, explained the system and identified where and how to start and the reasoning behind those decisions. It is how they learn best!

With school work, they need to start with small, simple achievable goals. For example, it might be learning the 2 times table or, for older students, it might be setting up a revision program and making summaries of worksheets. Success in the beginning is making a start, choosing to try, learning where they are making mistakes, or just increasing marks by a few points. Whatever it is, it is the beginning, and we need to highlight the success of their efforts. The vital point is that they see the correlation between effort and success. They learn that well-directed effort produces results and that greater effort in the right places and in the right way will continue to produce ever-increasing results. This reinforces the growth mindset and leads to greater success.

### ACE Card Recipients

Name	ACE Card	House
Georgia Demirtel	Hearts	Cameron
Samuel Andreoli	Clubs	Millar
Ella Crowley	Hearts	Millar
Cruz Santos	Hearts	Brodie
Krisy Iliopoulos	Clubs	Clarke
Manaan Buch	Diamond	Brodie
Athan Rakintzis	Spade	Cameron
Sophie Lagana	Club	Millar
Lauren Potts	Heart	Millar
Suveer Chahal	Diamond	Clark
Sean Jeevadaran	Spade	Cameron
Naysim Farah	Spades	Brodie
Emma Clohesy	Hearts	Cameron
Andy Fu	Clubs	Brodie
Adam Smrdelj	Diamonds	Cameron
Kayla Dennis	Spades	Brodie
Tymanie Green	Hearts	Cameron
Esin Fikir	Hearts	Millar
Denil Perera	Clubs	Clarke
Briana Moschetti	Diamonds	Millar
Alanah Eastwood	Hearts	Millar
Andrew Khoshaba	Diamonds	Brodie
Madison Cook	Spades	Millar
Keara Calafiore	Spades	Brodie
Taylah Greig	Hearts	Millar

### Running Tally

Brodie	Cameron	Clarke	Millar
52	72	47	89

*Ms Karen McArdle  
Head of Cumberland*

## Fairview School Notices

**The Wise Woman's Stone:** A wise woman who was travelling in the mountains found a precious stone in a stream. The next day she met another traveller who was hungry and the wise woman opened her bag to share her food. The hungry traveller saw the precious stone and asked the woman to give it to him. She did so without hesitation. The traveller left, rejoicing in his good fortune. He knew the stone was worth enough to give him security for a lifetime. But a few days later he came back to return the stone to the wise woman. "I've been thinking," he said, "I know how valuable the stone is, but I give it back in the hope that you can give me something even more precious. Give me what you have within you that enabled you to give me the stone." - Author Unknown

I have shared this passage in the past, as it has the ability to provide us with a time of reflection on how we can respond in a selfless manner. I have read to the children passages in the Bible of such generosity; the poor widow (Mk 12:41-44), the good Samaritan (Lk 10:30-37), love your neighbour (Matt 22:37-39). Generosity is not measured by the amount we donate; but truly our actions and what is in our heart. We regularly say to the children - treat others the way you want to be treated. An easy and simple way to live!

**Head Lice:** Please inform your child's Homeroom teacher of any head lice cases. The only way to control head lice is to inform and educate parents. Ensure you check your child's hair for head lice at regular intervals.

### Please note the following:

- It is crucial to inform the College of any infectious disease (e.g. gastroenteritis, chicken pox, school sores, hand foot and mouth disease, etc). Any report will be treated with the utmost confidentiality and the family's privacy will be respected. Please inform me of any of the above situations via email: [kneophytou@aitkencollege.edu.au](mailto:kneophytou@aitkencollege.edu.au). We appreciate your understanding and support.
- Prep and Year 1 children are required to bring a spare change of underwear, socks and trackpants/shorts (blue or green) to school.
- Please return all lost property to Sick Bay. It is imperative that all clothing items are labelled clearly with the child's name.
- Preparatory School children are not permitted to visit the canteen before school begins and at recess. We only encourage lunch time purchases via a lunch order.

*Ms Kerrie Neophytou  
Head of Fairview*

## Careers News

Year 12 Excursion permission slips for the TIS excursion on 17 May are now due. Please encourage your child to return theirs if they have not already done so.

Career News 6 is now available and contains information about a career in Policing, Law Week activities, the new La Trobe University 'Guide to Uni 2017' publication for Year 10 students, a Stress Toolkit for Year 12 students from Beyond Blue, Traineeships with Future Force, a new engineering degree at Swinburne in 2018 (Bachelor of Engineering Practice (Honours)), a Career Discovery Day at the RSPCA, new entry requirements for Teaching 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' 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](mailto:careers@aitkencollege.edu.au).

*Mrs Clare Borg and Ms Rae Gibbs  
Careers Advisers*

## Humanities News

The 2017 Aitken Model Competition has been announced! Entries close on Thursday 1 June and there are iTunes voucher prizes for the five best models. Models must be no bigger than 30cm x 30cm, with information labels as well. Choose a topic that you have studied or are currently studying at school. You could build a model of a castle, a war scene, the Freedom Rides, an Indigenous Australian settlement, Australia's parliament house...anything!

Can all Year 7 and 8 parents make sure their son or daughter has completed the "Wider Reading Challenge", this is a compulsory task due before the end of Term 2. Assignments from all subjects will be due closer towards the end of the term, so there is no better time to complete this easy reading task than right now!



**AITKEN MODEL COMPETITION**

**MAKE A HISTORICAL MODEL & WIN!**

**RULES:**

1. MAKE A MODEL FROM A TIME PERIOD YOU'RE STUDYING THIS YEAR
2. MAXIMUM SIZE 30CMx30CM
3. INCLUDE INFO LABELS
4. GIVE TO YOUR HISTORY TEACHER OR MR LAWLESS IN B21
5. ENTRIES CLOSE 1 JUNE

**PRIZES!**

- 1st = \$40 ITUNES
- 2nd = \$20 ITUNES
- 3rd = \$20 ITUNES
- 4th = \$20 ITUNES
- 5th = \$20 ITUNES

FOR EXAMPLES: FEDERATION CELEBRATION, CAWEMAN SCENE, PARTHENON, CASTLE, AZTEC TEMPLE, SLAVE SHIP, WWWWW2 BATTLE, FREEDOM RIDE BUS, SHINTO SHRINE

*Mr Ben Lawless  
Head of Humanities*

## Performing Arts News

Firstly, congratulations to Mr Mike Arthur and The Wind in the Willows cast; opening night was hugely successful. The show was entertaining, humorous and clever. Well done also to the Year 10 Theatrecraft class who managed most of the backstage roles, including costumes, make-up, props and stage management under the guidance of Ms Jacqueline Flood.

Tickets are now on sale for the VCE Theatre Studies production, *Summer of the Seventeenth Doll* (see attached flyer). This forms part of the students' assessment and they have been working on putting it together for the most part of this semester. I encourage students who are interested in Drama, particularly those in Brookhill, who are considering doing Theatre Studies in the future to attend the performance. There are three shows; 17 May (7.30pm show), 18 May (3.30pm show) and 19 May (7.30pm show). Tickets can be purchased at [www.trybooking.com](http://www.trybooking.com).

The Winter Music Soirees are next month, so please keep an eye out for information about the performances. The Junior Soiree is on Wednesday 21 June and Senior Soiree is on Wednesday 28 June. Please check student bulletins for further information or contact Mr Frampton.

*Ms Beth Thomson*  
*Acting Director of Performing Arts*

## Physical Education News

**Year 5 & 6 Friday Interschool Sport:** The Year 5 & 6 Winter Interschool Sport competition began today, Friday 5 May against School of Good Shepherd, here at Aitken. I encourage you to come along and support your child and their teammates, on fixture days from 9.30am - 11.00am. Please note the following Term 2 fixtures below and the venue at which they are played. I look forward to seeing you.

ROUND	DATE		VENUE
Round 1	Friday 5 May	Aitken College v School of Good Shepherd	Aitken College
Round 2	Friday 12 May	Aitken College v Gladstone Views	Aitken College
Round 3	Friday 19 May	Westmeadows v Aitken College	Westmeadows
Round 4	Friday 26 May	Gladstone Park v Aitken College	Gladstone Park
Round 5	Friday 2 June	St Dominic's v Aitken College (no touch rugby fixture)	St Dominic's Primary School
Round 6	Friday 9 June	Aitken College v Tullamarine	Aitken College
Round 7	Friday 16 June	Sirius College v Aitken College (no touch rugby fixture)	Sirius College
Finals	Friday 23 June	TBA	Dallas Brooks Community Primary School

**School Sports Victoria District Cross Country:** Well done to the 49 Aitken students from Year 3 to Year 6 who competed in the District Cross Country recently. Congratulations to the following students who managed to qualify for the Woodlands Division Cross Country on Wednesday 31 May, by placing in the top 10 of their age group: Ella Crowley, Sienna Demirtel, Georgia Demirtel, Ruby Davie, Alex Marmura, Alejandro Yanez, Devmi Peiris, Camryn Bux, Bryan Wang, Luke Giannone, Lachlan Plant, John Poon, Keara Calafiore, Mackenzie Chetwynd-Brown, Julian Bondin, Thisumi Walliwala Gamage and Simona Matracchi. Of these students, Sienna Demirtel came 3<sup>rd</sup> in the under 10-year-old girls, Alex Marmura came 2<sup>nd</sup> in the under 10-year-old boys, Camryn Bux came 1<sup>st</sup> place in the under 11-year-old girls, Luke Giannone came 1<sup>st</sup> in the under 11-year-old boys, Keara Calafiore came 1<sup>st</sup> and Mackenzie Chetwynd-Brown came 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 12/13-year-old girls, and Lachlan Plant came 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 12/13-year-old boys. An outstanding achievement by these students.

*Mr Nigel Keegan*  
*Primary Sports Co-ordinator*



## Aitken College | May

Camp Australia OSHC Services offer a leadership program for the children. They provide a support system called Better Buddies where the children use leadership skills and assist as mentors, learning from one another and developing positive relationships. The Better Buddies program builds self-confidence and has helped create a friendly and caring atmosphere. Our first leaders for the year are Jacob Chelvaratnam and Kayla Dennis and we congratulate them on their wonderful efforts.



### Reminder:

Please label your children's possessions as many blazers, hats, jumpers and water bottles are left at Before and After School Care that are unlabelled. Then we can safely return them to their owners.



## HOW TO GET STARTED

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



### Once registered

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



### Save on Care

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



### Holiday Clubs

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

Finder on the website to find the nearest program:

[www.campastralia.com.au/holidayclubs](http://www.campastralia.com.au/holidayclubs)



### Healthy Snacks

Afternoon tea is served daily.

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

*we make kids smile*  
[www.campastralia.com.au](http://www.campastralia.com.au)

AITKEN COLLEGE  
PERFORMING ARTS PRESENTS

*2017 Theatre Studies Performance of*

Ray Lawler's

*summer of the  
seventeenth  
doll*

DIRECTED BY JACQUELINE FLOOD

Wednesday May 17 - 7:30pm

Thursday May 18 - 3:30pm

Friday May 19 - 7:30pm

Tickets at [trybooking.com](http://trybooking.com)



aitken  
COLLEGE  
In Mind and Spirit

Aitken College Chapel and Performing Arts Centre  
1010 Mickleham Rd, Greenvale

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

ADVERTISEMENT BOOKINGS AS AT 21/04/17

<p><b>CLEANING – DOMESTIC &amp; COMMERCIAL</b></p>  	<p><b>LINCOLN CLEANING</b> All domestic and commercial cleaning. Specialising in carpet and rug steam cleaning, window washing, driveways and patios. Please contact us for a free quote.</p> <p>Contact details: Eileen or Lupco Arsovski ☎ m: 0412 119 168 or 0404 799 780 E: <a href="mailto:eileen.arsovski@hotmail.com">eileen.arsovski@hotmail.com</a></p>
<p><b>DRAWING &amp; PAINTING TUITION</b></p> 	<p><b>THE ART STUDIO – Greenvale</b> The Art Studio provides Drawing and Painting Tuition for students of all ages. Small personalised classes are run by a qualified teacher. All materials are provided for. Our aim is to encourage confidence and creativity in each student, as they produce beautiful take home works of art.</p> <p>Contact details: Silvia Parisi ☎ m: 0414 466 572</p>
<p><b>GARDEN CARE &amp; MAINTENANCE</b></p> 	<p><b>GREENWORKS GARDEN CARE &amp; MAINTENANCE</b> For all your gardening needs – weeding, pruning, hedging, mowing, clearing lots, end of lease and more.</p> <p>Contact details: Dragan &amp; Vesna Jankovic ☎ m: 0416 427 067</p>
<p><b>MORTGAGE BROKER / FINANCIAL PLANNING SERVICE</b></p> 	<p><b>MORTGAGE CHOICE – PO Box 2139, Greenvale 3059</b> A free service to find the best mortgage to suit you. We also provide an extensive Financial Planning Service for your needs.</p> <p>Contact details: Chris Howitt ☎ 9333 4370 m: 0401 334 599 E: <a href="mailto:chris.howitt@mortgagechoice.com.au">chris.howitt@mortgagechoice.com.au</a> ☎ <a href="http://www.mortgagechoice.com.au/chris.howitt">www.mortgagechoice.com.au/chris.howitt</a></p>
<p><b>PRINTING</b></p>  <p>CREATIVE ART &amp; FINISHING</p>	 <p>☎ 9311 2211 ✉ <a href="mailto:quotes@sunshineprinting.com.au">quotes@sunshineprinting.com.au</a>      Contact details: Justin Brown or Lana Lister 51 Wright Street Sunshine VIC 3020</p> <p>We are a family owned and run printing business with over 30 years of experience. We are capable of servicing all your printing needs. We offer quality, affordability and customised printing service. We also print Memorial Cards and Service Books.</p>

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<p><b>STOCKFEED &amp; SADDLERY</b></p>	  <p><b>94A Bourke Street (corner Green Street) BULLA 3428</b></p> <p>Stockfeed, Pet Food, Saddlery, Farm Supplies</p> <p>Contact details: Kahn-Allen family Jackie &amp; Tony</p> <p>☎ 9307 1441 E: <a href="mailto:sales@bullaproduce.com.au">sales@bullaproduce.com.au</a> 🌐 <a href="http://www.bullaproduce.com.au">www.bullaproduce.com.au</a></p>
<p><b>TUTORS</b></p>	 <p><b>Hany Amin</b> <b>Math Tutor</b> Mob: 0420660611 Hany_abdalla80@yahoo.com</p> <p><b>Easy Maths</b> <b>For All Grades</b> 2 Perugia Ave, Greenvale 3059</p> <p>Is Maths too hard? Do you need help with your Maths homework? Would you like someone to extend your mathematical knowledge? Do you need help setting a strong mathematical foundation for VCE? Just give me a call and through my passion, experience and teaching techniques you will achieve great results.</p> <p>Contact details: Hany Amin ☎m: 0420 660 611</p>

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Aitken College Parents & Friends Association



# PARENTS & FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

**COMMUNITY BUSINESS DIRECTORY  
2017 FUNDRAISER**  
email: [admin@aitkencollege.edu.au](mailto:admin@aitkencollege.edu.au)

Many families in the Aitken College community manage or own a business. Each year as a fundraiser the Parents & Friends Association compile a Community Business Directory to provide a way in which we can support local business. The existing 2016 Business Directory will continue to be advertised until the end of February on the College website and in the newsletter.

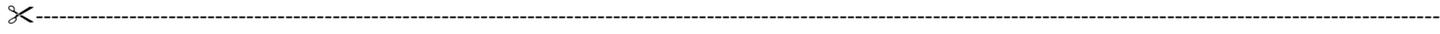
The 2017 Business Directory will take effect from the commencement of March for a twelve-month period. Aitken families may purchase a space for \$50.00 to promote and advertise their business. All money raised from this most valued fundraiser will be used by the Parents & Friends Association to improve the environment, facilities and equipment of the College, to benefit our children.

**Please support this fundraiser by completing the section below and return to the Accounts office with your payment by 17 March 2017.**

Yours sincerely

*Siobhan Short*

President  
Aitken College Parents & Friends Association



**AITKEN COLLEGE PARENTS & FRIENDS ASSOCIATION  
COMMUNITY BUSINESS DIRECTORY 2017 - \$50.00 PER SPACE  
(Please complete and return with your payment to the Accounts office by 17 March 2017)**

FAMILY NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ MOBILE: \_\_\_\_\_  
EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

BUSINESS NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
BUSINESS TYPE: \_\_\_\_\_  
BUSINESS ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Postcode \_\_\_\_\_

BUSINESS PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_ BUSINESS MOBILE: \_\_\_\_\_

BUSINESS WEBSITE: \_\_\_\_\_

BUSINESS DESCRIPTION: (50 words or less)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

CHEQUE \$ \_\_\_\_\_ payable to Aitken College Parents & Friends Association

CASH \$ \_\_\_\_\_

CREDIT CARD:             MasterCard     Visa     Amex

Card Number:                   Expiry Date:        \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name on Card: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/2017