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

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Term dates for 2014

- Term 3: 21 July to 19 September
- Term 4: 6 October to 12 December

Thought: “A good deed is never lost. Those who sow courtesy reap friendship and those who plant kindness gather love.” Anonymous

From the Principal

An Exciting Change to the “Schools Structure”: Aitken College will be changing its “Schools” structure from five “schools” to four “schools” from the commencement of the 2015 school year. The schools will be:

- Fairview: Years P - 2 (Preparatory School)
- Cumberland: Years 3 - 6 (Junior School)
- Dunhelen: Years 7 - 9 (Middle School)
- Brookhill: Years 10 - 12 (Senior School)

The Glenarthur name will be reserved for possible future initiatives. Dunhelen will become a school of approximately 450 students, comparable with the Senior School. The Head of School will have overall responsibility, supported by three Assistant Heads of Schools who will each have responsibility for a particular year level, progressing with each group over the three years in Dunhelen. Cumberland will become a school of 240 students with the Head of School taking on pastoral responsibility for Year 6. Year 6 will retain the same curriculum structure as currently with a focus on being a transitional year as they move into secondary school.

The current Heads of School in Cumberland and Dunhelen and Assistant Heads of School from Dunhelen and Glenarthur will continue in their roles as Heads of Schools and Assistant Heads of Schools. The current Head of Glenarthur School will be taking up a new position in another school in 2015.

There will be significant benefits for students and programs including:

- Improved transition for incoming Year 7 students, as students come in at the lower end of the middle school and students stay within the school for three years.
- Enhanced monitoring of student pastoral care and academic achievement particularly across Years 6 - 9.
- Streamlining of communication and organisational structures.

There will of course be some logistical implications, such as student leadership opportunities and House Sports. The senior management team is busy working through these. Exciting times ahead!
Student Absenteeism: Missing just one day of school has negative consequences for a student’s academic achievement. This was a statement in an interesting article in ‘The Age’ last weekend. http://www.theage.com.au/national/-zq00.html. According to the research patterns established in the early years, this shows up throughout a child’s schooling. “A 10 day period of unauthorised absence in a year is sufficient to drop a child about a band in the NAPLAN testing.” says the reports co-author Professor Stephen Zubrick.

Families taking holidays during the school term is a significant issue. Students do miss out on the important ‘classroom experience’ which cannot be replaced by setting separate work taken on a trip. Some overseas travel can be beneficial to students if it embraces a rich cultural experience, but there is no logic in taking a trip to the snow or to a resort during term time. Parents are reminded that if students are to be absent that they contact the school.

Mrs Josie Crisara
Principal

From the Deputy Principal

Traffic Within The College: Thank you to all parents for your co-operation with directions from our afternoon Parking Officer. Our primary focus is the safety of children and ensuring they can access parent cars efficiently and safely; no children should ever be crossing the path of internal traffic except at marked crossings. Hence, at morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up times, no child however old should be crossing the internal ring road to a parent’s car or walking across the western car park; parents should not be setting a bad example by asking their children to do this. The only cars permitted to stop outside the Administration building are those with “disabled” stickers using the marked bays.

Motivational Media: On Monday, 18 August, students from Years 6 to 12 will view an exciting three-screen panoramic audio-visual presentation from Motivational Media. This is the fourth year that Aitken has hosted this presentation. The annual production features fast-moving action, current music, personal stories about young Australians who have overcome adversity or achieved against the odds and a message that complements the themes and aims of Chapel at Aitken College. You can view this year’s presentation at: http://www.motivationalmedia.org.au/presentations/impact

Mr Kim Forward
Deputy Principal

Parents and Friends Association News

There are a lot of exciting and fun things happening this term starting with the gorgeous drawings for the tea-towel and apron printing, the Fathers Day Stall, pre-loved uniform stall (excellent way to save on uniforms) and we are very excited to announce we will be having a Fathers Day family fun night – venue and ticket information will be coming out next week so keep an eye out.

A run-down of this terms activities are as follows:

Tea-towels/ Aprons: We will be printing some fantastic tea-towels and aprons with your child’s drawings on them this term. This is a great fundraiser and everyone loves seeing their child’s ‘self portrait’ on items they can keep or give as presents. This year we will be doing 2 different designs – one for Fairview and one for Cumberland. Some children have started drawing their pictures and you will be receiving a note home about it all shortly. Cannot wait to see the results!

Pre-loved Uniform Sale: We will be holding another pre-loved uniform sale on Thursday, 21 August (same day as Parent Teacher Interviews). If you would like to donate any items to be sold please leave them at Reception. (We take all uniform pieces including bags). If you would like to sell your items yourself please book a table through admin@aitkencollege.edu.au - tables cost $5.00.

Fathers Day Stall: This year Parents & Friends will be running the Fathers Day stall. It will be held Thursday, 4 September. We will require parents to help out on the day so if you are interested in helping please let me know. Letters will be coming home shortly asking for volunteers.

Fathers Day Family Evening: Keep the evening of Thursday, 4 September free! We will be celebrating Fathers Day with an exciting evening of fun and frivolity. More information to come out shortly.

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 as admin@aitkencollege.edu.au.

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

A big thanks to our constantly hardworking Parents & 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. Our next meeting will be held on Monday, 11 August at 7.30pm upstairs in the Chapel and Performing Arts Centre - all welcome!
Brookhill School Notices

VCE Subject Selection: Year 10 and Year 11 students will soon begin making their online subject selections. All students will be receiving instructions and passwords to log onto Web Preferences this week. It is very important that the right choices are made at this point. All students have had access to first-class careers and subject advice from senior teaching staff and the careers teachers. I hope that everyone is happy and settled with the decisions that they have made. However, if any student is still a little unsure about their intended course, I encourage them to keep asking questions; it is much easier to change a subject at this stage than a month into next year. We are pleased to be able to offer VCE Religion and Society at Year 11 level next year. This is an excellent subject, particularly for students interested in the Humanities/English field; I encourage students interested in this subject to seek further information from Mr Perri and include it in their program.

Year 11 Presentation Ball: This year’s annual Presentation ball is approaching fast. Dance lessons are going very well; it is fantastic to see the progression of the students as they learn their dance presentations. Congratulations and thanks are due to dance instructor Mr Sebastian Riscica for the excellent work he is doing with the students. If any families have not purchased tickets, they should do so soon through trybooking. A direct link to the Presentation Ball booking page is on the College website.

VCAL News

Last week the Year 11 VCAL class competently presented the VCAL Information Evening to Year 10 students and their parents. VCAL suits any student who is clear about their career direction and is interested in going to TAFE, seeking an apprenticeship, getting a job after finishing school or completing a TAFE certificate before a university course. VCAL gives students a head start into their vocation. Applications for the VCAL program close on Friday, 8 August.

The VCAL students also organised and hosted an afternoon tea for the Pascoe Vale Gardens Retirement Village on Thursday, 31 July. Forty two residents attended the Dress Rehearsal of the College musical ‘The Who’s Tommy’. Students spent the morning preparing sandwiches and numerous platters of food so that the visitors could enjoy a lavish afternoon tea after the show.

Glenarthur School Notices

Last Friday evening we both attended the opening night of this year’s College Musical, Tommy. This was an enjoyable evening and it was particularly pleasing to see the large number of Glenarthur students who were involved as members of the cast and crew. The talent and enthusiasm of this group bodes well for future productions. Hopefully many of you have also been able to attend.

Earlier this week at our Chapel/Assembly, Mr Ward followed-up on the presentation that was given last week by one of the five Australian Youth Ambassadors for World Vision. Both speakers highlighted the opportunity that exists for all students to support others who are in desperate need of our help by participating in the annual 40 hour famine. This year’s event takes place from the evening of 15 August and wraps up at midday on 17 August. Each student has been issued with a sponsor booklet and we would encourage you to support them to be involved or to sponsor a friend.
The other significant event during the Assembly was the presentation of certificates and badges to the Semester 2 Class Captains. Mrs Crisara joined us for this occasion and made some pertinent comments about leadership generally; most notably that leadership is something that everyone can offer, it does not require a badge or title. Our congratulations is extended to the new Class Captains:

| Year 8 | Shaun Aitken | Valentina Hanna  
| Lachlan Ward | Shannan Baker  
| Matthew Aitken | Belsam Ali  
| Ethan Frost | Elissa Akers  
| Sezer Hudaverdi | Jordan Reddish |

| Year 9 | Oliver Kubilay | Seren Akyuce  
| Korey Mehmet | Monica-Jane Saade  
| Joel Vella | Kristina Vlasonjc  
| Jack Bruce | Rachel Park  
| Ethan Riley | Tara Baird |

**Tax File Numbers for Students in Years 8-12:** Please see Mr Agnew in room G11 for a Tax File Number (TFN) application form and a College permission form, if you wish to apply for a TFN.

**Dunhelen School Notices**

Congratulations to the following students who were inducted as Semester 2 Class Captains at Monday’s assembly:

| Year 6 | Mystique Maljanek | Matthew Bonnici  
| Ashley Goodwin | Sebastian Prsa  |

| Year 7 | Lilli Eustace | Cameron Menzies  
| Aidan Kanj | Kira Miritis  
| Aimee Borg | Victoria Ikenasio  
| Simone Touma | Joshua Morales  
| Tanisha Hakim | Berkan Kahraman |

Mr Prentice and I look forward to working with these students. One of their first appointments this semester will be attending the Battle for Remembrance ceremony at the Shrine on 3 September; I know they will display the utmost respect and do the College proud.

As you may be aware, Parent Teacher Interviews will take place on Tuesday, 12 August and Thursday, 21 August, in the Senior School buildings. Parent Teacher Interviews present an opportunity for parents and teachers to discuss students’ progress, to consider improvements that may be made for the future, and to discuss any issues that may have come up since you last met. They are also a great way to get involved in your child’s education and to meet the people that your child spends a significant part of their week with. It is always nice for a student to see that their parents take an active interest in their learning.

In trying to keep parents up to date I have listed below a few of the social media sites your child may be using. Please do take the time to look at them and see exactly what they are so that you can try and keep up with your children. I know that some of you will also love using them, so enjoy!

Ask.fm, Qoohme, Facebook, Face Time, Instagram, Kik, Snapchat, Skype, Tinder, Tumblr, Twitter, You Tube.

**Cumberland School Notices**

This week the Semester 2 Class Captains were inducted. The Assembly was ably led by School Captains, Devindi and Alexandar. Following the assembly it was great to be able to share morning with the parents.

Congratulations to the following students on being elected captain of their class:

| Year 3 | Luke Deligeorges | Sienna Lindrea  
| Lachlan Plant | Simona Matracchi  |

| Year 4 | Chayce Currie | Makenzie Hall  
| Kristian Arkoudis | Alyssa Mackenzie  |

| Year 5 | Khan Yucedag | Emily Aceski  
| Chaniru Udugampala | Zoe Georgievski |
On Monday the Year 4 students enjoyed a beautiful sunny day at the annual excursion to the Yarraville Trugo Club. The game Trugo is a sport said to have been invented in the Newport Railway Workshops in the Western suburbs of Melbourne, by railway workers in the 1920s. The first club was in the suburb of Yarraville. The requirements for the sport were based on what the railway workers could find: the length of the pitch was the length of a carriage, the goalpost width was the distance between seats, the mallet was a sledge hammer, and the black rings were an internal component of buffers. The day was enjoyed by all.

All short listed picture story books have now been judged. The winning books will be announced during the House Literacy Trivia Competition on Wednesday, 20 August commencing at 9.00am. This event will be held in the Chapel and Performing Arts Centre. Please come along to support your child’s House. To add an extra layer to the picture story books and to celebrate the hours of work spent in preparing their final produce, we are inviting the students to come dressed as the main character or as a significant element of their book. The date for this day is also on Wednesday, 20 August. We look forward to seeing the students’ creations! No School uniform is required for this day. Please ensure that the chosen costume is appropriate for the weather of the day.

Mr Ashley Penny
Head of Cumberland

Fairview School Notices

Let the Children Play: Play is one of the greatest experiences children can be given. It is crucial to their overall development. It provides them with a natural learning environment, which promotes brain development. It supports and develops children’s language and communication skills. We underestimate the benefits of play and how the social skills developed directly impact a child’s confidence and physical development; it influences how they interact with their world. During play, children take risks and have a go; they feel safe, secure and comfortable. As educators we encourage young children to play, not only at school but also at home. A school day is a very long day, full of fun and learning and home life will support this process. However, when children go home from school, play and talk should be encouraged. Play provides down time and allows children to explore their language, emotional, social and physical development. I encourage parents to also join in and play with their children, they are not young for long - in a blink they will be teenagers!

This quote is from John Ruskin (1819-1900) a writer from the 19 century. He has a bank of wonderful and insightful quotes. This quote supports the view of encouraging children to play outdoors, even in winter!

"Sunshine is delicious, rain is refreshing, wind braces us up, and snow is exhilarating; there is no such thing as bad weather, only different kinds of good weather." - John Ruskin (1819-1900)

Pre-service Teachers: Fairview and Cumberland are extremely fortunate to have a pre-service teacher, Miss Natasha Ravanello. She will spend the next ten Wednesdays at school, completing observation experience from Prep to Year 5. Natasha is completing a Bachelor of Education (Primary) at the Australian Catholic University.

Life Education: As part of our Term 3 Life Skills program we are having the Life Education mobile classroom visit our school from Monday, 18 August to Monday, 25 August 2014. The Life Education program helps to facilitate the development of the life skills in students to prevent and minimise the harm of drug misuse. Lessons are always age appropriate and the children will be covering a wide range of health related topics, ranging from the human body and how it works, healthy eating and nutrition, medicines and drugs, bullying, resilience and social skills. Healthy Harold, the much loved Life Education giraffe mascot, is always a much anticipated element of the Life Education visit. The sessions are always fun, interactive and really extend and develop the children’s understanding of the topics covered. We are able to further broaden these topics in class both prior to and after the Life Education visit with the student workbooks that are provided. It is important that your child attend this session.

The Life Education Educator will also be providing an information session for parents during the following times:

- Fairview parents  Monday, 18 August at 2.15pm - 2.45pm
- Cumberland parents  Tuesday, 19 August at 2.15pm - 2.45pm

Ms Kerrie Neophytou
Head of Fairview

Careers News

Careers: Open Day calendars and some tips on how to get the most out of Open Days have been distributed to Brookhill students via their Homerooms.
We have nearly completed the interviewing of the Year 10 students regarding their choice of the VCE or VCAL and their subject selections if they have chosen to undertake the VCE in Years 11 and 12. Next week we will be sending appointment times to the Year 12 students for their pathways post Year 12 interviews. The VTAC Information Night was held earlier this week on Monday, 4 August. Copies of the presentation can be emailed to those who missed the event by sending an email request to: careers@aitkencollege.edu.au.

**Career News 11:** This is now available and contains information about Industry Based Learning, early closing dates for some of the specialisations within the University of Melbourne Bachelor of Fine Art degree, Open Days at RMIT, William Angliss and Macleay College, The NCAT Folio Preparation course, an Occupational Therapy careers seminar, automotive apprenticeships, the Swinburne Unilink Diplomas and much more. The following link will take you to the careers newsletter: [http://www.aitkencollege.edu.au/educational-programs/careers/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.

**2014 Year 10 Careers Speakers Assembly:** Nine passionate Alumni of Aitken College returned to the Chapel and Performing Arts Centre on Friday, 25 July to participate in the Year 10 Careers Speakers Assembly.

Ellen Koutsoudimitropoulos (2009) - La Trobe Health Sciences - spoke of the disappointment she experienced when she received her Year 12 results knowing they were a fraction below the mark she required to get into Speech Therapy at La Trobe. She talked to the Year 10 students about the importance of having a back up plan and safety net. Ellen chose to study Health Sciences as her alternative pathway to Speech and she has been so successful in her Health Sciences degree that she was invited to undertake an Honours year. She has commenced this and anticipates that her excellent Health Sciences results and her Honours thesis focusing on children’s stuttering will combine to enhance her application to undertake a post graduate Speech Therapy Masters degree in 2015.

Ashleigh Craven (2011) – RMIT Professional Communication, talked about the importance of undertaking internships, work experience and voluntary work during an undergraduate degree to enhance your resume, widen your network, gain valuable, practical employment skills and to learn about the sort of work which may be available / possible upon graduation. She is finding her current roles at the Hawthorn Football Club and Netball Victoria both challenging and rewarding. Ashleigh spoke passionately about doing what you love.

This was a common theme among the speakers with Phil Karrasch (2007) – Swinburne Accounting / Finance strongly agreeing that by following your passion you will be much happier and better rewarded. Phil dreamed of becoming an Engineer until a reality check in Specialist Maths in Year 12 caused him to seek alternatives. He now works in a financial role in the Marine and Boating industry, an industry he loves.

Emily Vongsaraphanh (2013) – University of Melbourne Environments, wanted to do something related to Architecture or Urban Planning and Design and chose the University of Melbourne course because she could try out several options before she needed to specialise. She is loving her subjects and enjoys being at university.

Raquel Rocco (2009) – La Trobe University, double degree in Wildlife Conservation Biology and Environmental Science, undertook the double degree to keep her options in Science open and has thoroughly enjoyed her choices. She also spoke of doing of what you love and to choose subjects based on your interests and talents, not on how they scale.

Ashlee Crane (2013) – ACU Arts / Law spoke of taking a slightly wrong turn this year and how, after further research, has realised that Law is not for her, it is the Business subjects she enjoys. So she is taking a leave of absence for Semester 2 while she works to earn money which will allow her to relocate to Canberra next year and take up a Business degree at ANU. She attended Open Days and described how important it was for students to get a feel for the institution they might be attending. Her Law degree has only 200 students in first year and she explained that she much preferred that to being one of perhaps 1800 or more in first year in one of the much larger courses on offer at other universities.

Matthew Tountsios (2011) – RMIT Engineering, spoke of his disappointment with his results at the end of Year 12 and how, allowing yourself to become very stressed and anxious, usually leads to lower achievement. In his case he could not immediately access the course of his first choice. Matthew started in the Associate degree in Mechanical Engineering at RMIT and with good results was able to articulate to the Bachelor degree. He loves his studies. He has made great friendships along the way and enjoyed the practical experience gained in the Associate degree which has given him two years of credit into the Bachelor’s degree. He will graduate with two qualifications.
Matthew Basile (2007) – Royal Australian Navy, originally thought he wanted to be an Aerospace Engineer. It took him a number of false starts until he joined the Navy before he found the work he loved – with aircraft – and he is going from strength to strength with training on the job. He is currently studying online with Deakin University for his Bachelor degree in Engineering. The message from Matthew to the Year 10 students was “get ready for life long learning”.

Cate Sherlock (2005) confessed that she was not an attentive student and wasted a lot of time when she was at secondary school. She really did not settle down and work out what she wanted to do with her life until she was mentored by a Youth Worker. Cate had a number of challenging work roles first, including as a Prison Guard at a maximum security prison, before going on to complete her Human Services / Masters of Social Work at La Trobe. She is currently completing a post graduate qualification in Adolescent and Mental Health and is about to take up a position in Darwin as Head of the Canteen program for the Northern Territory which will be a position of enormous responsibility.

All our former students spoke thoughtfully and ardently about their dreams for the future and how important it had been when they were at secondary school to thoroughly research future course and career options and to select subjects carefully. Our guests stressed the importance of choosing subjects that match interests and strengths. They recommended checking any prerequisite subject requirements for courses of interest, attending Open days to get a feel for the different campuses and warned against choosing subjects based on scaling. Other good tips included undertaking voluntary work and internships where possible and seeking advice along the way. For our current Year 10 students that means talking to their parents, older students at Aitken, their teachers, Heads of House and of course, Careers staff in B21.

We would like to commend the Year 10 students for their attentiveness during the Assembly and the excellent and polite way they listened to the speakers. They were very respectful and hopefully learned a lot from the collective wisdom of our past students. A special thank you also to the Aitken Alumni who generously gave of their time and returned to speak to the Year 10 students at this Assembly; they were articulate, passionate and very informative.

**Chaplain’s Corner**

**Annual Grief and Loss Service:** Amidst the busyness of life here at Aitken, I often hear of sad news happening within our school community. August is the month when we deliberately take time out to reflect on our losses, and seek healing and wholeness from God. This is done primarily through our Annual Grief and Loss Service (27 August, 7.00pm - 7.45pm in the Chapel and Performing Arts Centre Foyer).

**Monthly Sunday Worship:** This year, as a prelude to that service, I will focus our Monthly Sunday Worship (10 August, Sunday Worship at Aitken College, 10.30am in Common Room 1) on Brokenness. All of us at different points in our lives feel broken down by a variety of circumstances around us. This Sunday’s service will begin the process of acknowledging those times when we have been stopped in our tracks by a life changing event. I will also be talking about death and dying in Junior Chapel this coming Tuesday, so you may have some of the young ones coming home with some questions about grief and loss.

My prayer is that the acknowledging of our losses will enable nourishment for our desert times.

**Performing Arts News**

**Tommy:** The feedback on this year’s College Musical, Tommy has been extremely positive. We have received a number of messages, particularly from people not associated in any way with the school. People have expressed how impressive the focus, talent and story-telling of our students is, especially presenting such a challenging musical story. A number of the comments also came from people with a long-standing love of this musical and knowledge of its history.

"consistently strong throughout...with lots of energy, commitment and talent"

"done with a lot of integrity."

"amazing, amazing show, loved it to bits!"

"music, lights and projections had me hooked, and there were some truly moving moments from the cast!"

"you are to be well and truly applauded for bringing the magic of Tommy to the stage in such a professional way"
There are two performances remaining at 2.00pm and 7.30pm tomorrow on Saturday, 9 August. Tickets are available from http://www.trybooking.com/EKUV or at the door 30 minutes prior to performances.

Cumberland Concert: Rehearsals have commenced for this year’s Cumberland Concert, Get Happy, with class teachers in Year 3 to Year 5 working hard with the assistance of Primary Performing Arts Co-ordinator, Ms Beth Thomson. Tickets go on sale from 22 August at: http://www.trybooking.com/FLWZ. There are two performances; firstly 7.30pm on Wednesday, 10 September, then at 11.30am on Friday, 12 September.

College Play: The cast for this year’s College Play has been released this week. Thirty-four students from Year 7 to Year 11 have been successfully cast in our steam-punk version of Romeo and Juliet. Leading them are Alysha Marie as Juliet and Han Phillips as Romeo. Romeo and Juliet will play three performances commencing on Thursday, 16 October and is directed by Ms Jacqueline Flood. Rehearsals commence this Tuesday and more details will follow.

We also invite you to note 17 and 18 September in your diaries when the VCE Music and Theatre Studies classes will publicly perform some of their performance assessment work for the first time. Both nights commence at 7.30pm and entry is free.

Mr Michael Cooper
Director of Performing Arts

Physical Education News

School Sports Victoria Intermediate Term 3 Sports Day: Monday, 4 August, was the last Intermediate Gala Day for the year. Selected students from Years 9-10 represented Aitken College in Basketball and Table Tennis in the Woodlands Division Gala Day. Results are:

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Both the boys and girls hockey teams went straight through to the Northern Metropolitan Region Finals on Tuesday, 20 October. Unfortunately, we did not field all teams in all sports this term. I hope to see an improvement in participation in next year’s school sports competition.

Students and parents can keep up to date with the latest information, sports dates and rules, via the School Sports Victoria website: www.ssv.vic.edu.au.

Mrs Natalie McNamara
Interschool Sports Co-ordinator

Visual Arts News

I would like to welcome Miss Dianne Nash who is teaching the Primary Art students this term while Ms Carmen Mazzarotta is away on Long Service Leave.

Aitken College Artist In Residence Project 2014: Karen Butler has worked as Artist in Residence at Aitken College in 2014. Karen’s area of interest is sustainability, recycling and installation work that is ephemeral, as well as traditional art forms such as film, painting and drawing. She combined all of these things in the project and worked with all the Year 7 Art classes and the Year 8 Art Electives groups. Students had about six lessons with Karen. The task was included into the curriculum for assessment.

The Idea: Students took photos of the school environment and reduced the photos into simple geometric shapes to form semi abstract paintings. The wooden panels were re-cycled wood about A4 size. Karen wanted the finished panels to be ‘connected, disconnected and layered’ (using hinges or velcro) to form a series of ephemeral sculptures. The designs of the panels had to consist of simplified geometric shapes. Students found the process of taping the shapes with masking tape and cutting quite challenging, but they all worked with great determination and responded very well to the direction of Karen. Each colour had to be masked and painted separately.

The Installation During The Last Week of Term 2: The paintings from the classes completed in Semester 1 were installed on the exterior of the art building using velcro. This will hopefully be made into a permanent display later this year. During Term 3 Karen completed a collaborative piece with the Year 8 Art Elective students.
The value of working with an artist is immense. Students see that careers exist in the area of art and experience working with a professional who is not a teacher by profession. Each child completes a work that contributes to the project. They learn new terms and techniques and discover the process of design through refinement development and creation of the artwork. Karen has been thoroughly engrossed in this project and her enthusiasm infectious.

Mrs Michelle McKay
Head of Faculty Visual Arts

Online Lunch Orders

Families can place online orders for children’s lunches from the Canteen (for Prep to Year 6). Information can be found under the Enrolment tab on the College website or by following these links:

The ‘how to’ process can be found at:


Aitken College Chartered Bus Services

There are limited vacancies on the following Aitken College chartered services for Semester 2, 2014. Further details and timetables are available on the website www.sunburybus.com.au. The charter services are as follows.

- **Essendon / Airport West:** Essendon, Airport West, Tullamarine, Gladstone Park, Westmeadows, Attwood
- **Mickleham / Craigieburn:** Commences at Mount Ridley Road
- **Roxburgh Park:** Roxburgh Park
- **Strathmore / Greenvale:** Strathmore, Oak Park, Glenroy, Broadmeadows, Greenvale (lower loop)
- **Sunbury / Greenvale:** Sunbury via Greenvale (upper loop)

If you are interested in using this service, please contact Miss Diana Cohn at the College on 9333 1866.
OSHC NEWS

Benvenuti! Welcome! Last week our exploration across the globe to investigate different cultures took us to Italy! We experienced painting upside down like Michaelangelo, interpreting our own version of the Mona Lisa and various other elements of Italian culture which we will continue to explore this week by using pasta to create some masterpieces and of course cooking some delicious bruschetta! The children have already put forward their next travel request; apparently we are going to France next. This week we will do our monthly evacuation procedure practice with the children. We will also delve into some environmentally inspired crafts using natural materials to capture the beauty of nature. When possible we shall spend time in the sunshine playing group games and exploring nature.

OSHC also aims to further our contribution to creating a better environment by recycling food wastes for the schools compost bin, so this week we will begin this process. It will be a great opportunity to make one and all a little more conscious of waste and the things we can do to help better our planet.

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REMINDERS

How to get started: Before using our programs you must register online for an account. Registering is quick and easy. Visit our website to begin www.campaustralia.com.au

Once registered you can make bookings and cancellations, view your statements and manage your details any time of the day online. Keep in mind we are able to take bookings at short notice to help busy families.

Save on Care: You can save 50% or more on Before and After School Care fees with the non-means tested Child Care Rebate. Almost all families are eligible. To find out more call our Customer Service Team on 1300 105 343 Monday to Friday.
Bringing NAPLAN home: The results and your child

As parents and carers, we all take great interest in our children and their paths in life. We know it is really important that they develop key skills such as literacy and numeracy to help them through school, work and life.

NAPLAN (the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy) is a national test undertaken by all Year 3, 5, 7 and 9 students, designed to provide information on your child’s literacy and numeracy achievements. This year NAPLAN was taken on 13, 14 and 15 May.

NAPLAN results provide additional information, which can be used along with school assessment and testing. It allows you to compare your child’s achievement with other children across Australia. By itself, NAPLAN does not improve the quality of education, but it gives us a national snapshot of how our children are doing in those important skills of literacy and numeracy.

NAPLAN is important to your child as it provides information for school authorities and schools to review the effectiveness of their programs and to address any areas requiring improvement. It is important that you know as early as possible about your child’s strengths or if your child needs assistance. NAPLAN helps with this.

Sometime in August and September you will receive your son or daughter’s NAPLAN report. I encourage you to read the report in the context of what you already know about your child’s academic performance and in conjunction with other assessment information and reports you may already have received from your child’s school. Further information on how to read the report is found on the NAP website: www.nap.edu.au/results-and-reports/student-reports.html

Your son or daughter’s results will be reported against six levels of achievement. Your child’s results will be indicated by a black dot. The black triangle shows the national average for children in that year level.
This means you can compare your child’s performance to children in the same year level. As with all tests, small differences between students’ NAPLAN scores do not reflect real achievement differences.

Using this information, you can then take the time to celebrate the success that you see and/or identify areas for improvement. You should talk to your child’s teacher about what you should do next if you see areas that need improvement.

If your child is concerned with their results, remind them that NAPLAN isn’t a pass or fail test and there are no rewards or penalties for the result your child achieves. Rather, the NAPLAN student report is a point in time snapshot of your child’s achievements in the important areas of literacy and numeracy. This snapshot gives an indication of how your child compares with students across Australia.

ACARA is committed to improving learning for all young Australians through world-class curriculum, assessment and reporting. This year, we are aiming for NAPLAN results to be returned to you more quickly than in previous years.

As teachers and parents continue on with the rest of 2014, I urge you to keep NAPLAN student reports in context. Don’t stop any activities your child enjoys; don’t focus your child only on literacy and numeracy. Evidence shows that a well-rounded education, including the pursuit of other activities such as sport and art, contributes to the development of literacy and numeracy knowledge and skills. All activities are crucial to the school program and contribute to developing informed, happy children who are confident in their own abilities.

Robert Randall
Chief Executive Officer, ACARA
You’re invited to our OSHC Open Day

Patch and the team invite you to our upcoming Open day!

Bring your kids along to join in the fun and try after school care!

When: Monday 1 September 2014
Time: 3.30pm to 6.00pm
Where: The before and after school care room at Aitken College

Come along with your children to meet our Camp Australia Team and see for yourself how we make kids smile!

With lots of fun and exciting activities for you to join in on.

We’re looking forward to seeing you soon.

To find out more please call our Camp Australia team on: 0401 050 498

The Camp Australia – Aitken College Team
The Community Business Directory for 2014 is rapidly growing. You still have time to purchase a space and promote your business! Please complete the attached form and return with your payment to the Accounts Office as soon as possible.

This fundraiser will be used by the Parents & Friends Association to improve the College environment, facilities and equipment, for the benefit of all our students. Aitken families (and friends) may purchase a space for $50.00 to promote their business in the 2014 Community Business Directory. This is a very inexpensive way to advertise your business for a twelve month period.

Current bookings include:

**BREAST PROSTHESIS AND LINGERIE FITTING SERVICE**

**Sensational Solutions for Women**
This is a mobile breast prosthesis and lingerie fitting service, for women who have undergone surgery for breast cancer (mastectomy). Helping women gain a better quality of life after breast surgery.

Contact details: Kerry Martin  
☎️ 54284 364  m: 0417 119 748  
✉️ kerrymartin-2011@bigpond.com

**ACCOUNTANTS & FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT**

**Cummings Flavel McCormack**
We provide clients with a high level of technical specialisation in areas such as tax consulting, specialist business consulting and audit, together with general accounting and business advice.

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✉️ rdebono@cfmc.com.au

**Kirks Accountants**
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Contact details: Gerald Kirk  
☎️ 9467 6933  
✉️ www.kirksaccountants.com.au  
✉️ gerald.kirk@kirksaccountants.com.au

**Mortgage Choice – Mortgage Broker and Insurance**
This is a free service for finding the best mortgage to suit you; also insurance and finance to suit all your needs.

Contact details: Chris Howitt  
☎️ 9333 4370  m: 0401 334 599  
✉️ chris.howitt@mortgagechoice.com.au

**SSE Accountants**
Accounting and tax services.

Contact details: Burhan Erdogan  
☎️ m: 0499 405 585  
✉️ admin@sseaccountants.com.au

**BEAUTY**

**Helen Erdogan Make-up Artist**
Mobile make-up artist for all occasions!

Contact details: Helen Erdogan  
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✉️ selineerd@hotmail.com

**BUILDING & DESIGN**

**Commercial Edge**
Fitout Project Management and Design – Commercial Edge will design and construct any interior space.

Contact details: Joseph Mafri  
☎️ 9331 7047  m: 0411 706 903  
✉️ www.commercialedge.com.au  
✉️ josephm@commericaledge.com.au

**CANDLES**

**Dream Light Candles**
Scented Soy Candles – these locally produced candles are hand made using high quality fragrant oils and natural soy wax – 18 fragrances are available in 12-33 hour burn time and 6-pack tea light candles.

Contact details: France Camilleri  
☎️ m: 0418 529 463  
✉️ dreamlightcandles65@gmail.com
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Shining Star Cleaning Services
We are a family business. We have been operating for 9 years and strive ourselves on quality and customer service. We specialize in regular house/office cleans, vacate cleans, window cleaning, carpet cleaning and pressure was cleaning. We cover all areas for domestic, commercial and industrial cleaning.
Contact details: Joseph & Zeina Hakim  m: 0402 438 879  shiningstarcleaningservices@live.com.au

CLOTHING
Trenz Boutique – Ladies Fashion
Designer labels, including Australian and overseas designers; Sizes 8–20. Trenz was established in 1987.
Contact details: Teresa Biner  9338 0385  m: 0402 040 664  tijbin8@bigpond.com

SchoolTrenz – School Uniforms
Supplier of Aitken College school uniforms
Contact details: Teresa Biner  9338 1334  m: 0402 040 664  tijbin8@bigpond.com

CONCRETE PUMPING
Olympic Concrete Pumping Pty Ltd
Line Pumps, 22 metre to 42 metre Booms / Domestic and Commercial, plus Union / Mention this ad for special rates.
Contact details: John & Natalie Mastropietro  9333 1890  olympicpumps@bigpond.com

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Mystiko originates from beneath the White Mountains in the Chania region of Crete, a best suited climate for the olive. Through a traditional cultivation that dates back centuries, its unique regional flavour remains a provincial mystery that has become the foundation of Cretan cuisine.
Contact details: Helen Marrero  m: 0401 873 435  hmirda@gmail.com

GYMNASIUM
Envie Fitness – Female Gym
We provide a comfortable, supportive female only environment. It incorporates all the necessary cardio and strength equipment with results focused indoor and outdoor small group classes and personal training. Envie also has a Kids Corner for busy mums at no extra charge.
Contact details: Natasha at Envie Fitness  9031 6037  m: 0412 118 390  www.BodyworxMassageTherapy.com.au

HANDYMAN
Hire A Hubby Greenvale
Handyman, Property Maintenance

HEALTH SERVICES
Bodyworx Massage Therapy
Airport West Clinic “Experience Chiropractic”
Myotherapy and remedial massage, proactive pain and stress management. HICAPS health fund rebates available. Our treatments are discounted by $10 for Aitken College community.
Contact details: Kellie Mordaunt  9031 6037  m: 0425 781 374  www.BodyworxMassageTherapy.com.au

Melting Moments Massage
Hi, my name is Xzavia Green. I have completed Certificate IV in massage therapy. I’m offering discounted rates for Aitken parents - at my home or yours - $30 for a 1-hour Relaxation Massage; $40 for a 1-hour Deep Tissue Massage; an extra $5 if I come to you. Flexible hours, give me a call.
Contact details: Xzavia Green  m: 0417 537 815  www.facebook.com/xzavia.meltingmomentsmassage
O'Laze Medical Aesthetic Laser Clinic
Treatment of skin conditions such as age spots, sun damage, skin tone texture, wrinkles, surgical scars, acne scars, stretch marks, melasma, fractional non ablative skin resurfacing. Other treatments: rosacea, spider veins, capillaries, cherry angiomas, port wine stains, pigmented lesions and laser hair removal.
Contact details: Daniela Mafrci ☏ m: 0439 181 075 ☐ info@olaze.com.au

MANUFACTURING
Edge Commercial Interiors
Manufacturers of architectural joinery, commercial and office furniture, and work stations.
Contact details: Joseph Mafrci ☏ 9331 7047 m: 0411 706 903 ☐ www.edecommercialinteriors.com.au ☐ josephm@edgecommercial.com.au

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Contact details: Lachlan Wilson ☏ m: 0429 943 005 ☐ www.wilsonmusic.com.au ☐ mail@wilsonmusic.com.au

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Reliable Hot Water
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Contact details: Kevin Doyle ☏ 9387 7077 or 1800 246 656 ☐ www.reliablehotwater.com.au ☐ admin@reliablehotwater.com.au

REAL ESTATE
Raine & Horne Real Estate – Gladstone Park
Contact details: Reha Biner ☏ 9338 4088 m: 0409 185 387 ☐ www.rh.com.au/gladstonepark ☐ rbiner@rhgladstonepark.com.au

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Contact details: Michael Kerry ☏ m: 0417 396 795 ☐ info@bkmt.com.au

Thank you to all the above service providers for sending in your advertisements. Let’s make 2014 the best ever Business Directory!

Yours sincerely
Siobhan Short
President
Aitken College Parents & Friends Association
Many families in the Aitken College community manage or own a business. As a fundraiser the Parents & Friends Association are compiling a Community Business Directory to provide a way in which we can support each other in buying local and helping your business.

The Business Directory is being updated for the 2014 school year and appears on the College website in a searchable format and as a pdf document. All money raised will be used by the Parents & Friends Association to improve the environment, facilities and equipment of the College, to benefit our children.

Aitken families may purchase a space, promoting their business, in the Community Business Directory for $50.00. This is a very inexpensive way to advertise your business for a twelve month period. If you would like to participate in this exciting initiative, please complete the section below and return it to the Accounts office with your payment.

Yours sincerely

Siobhan Short
President
Aitken College Parents & Friends Association

AITKEN COLLEGE PARENTS & FRIENDS ASSOCIATION
COMMUNITY BUSINESS DIRECTORY 2014 - $50.00 PER SPACE
(Please complete and return with your payment via Accounts office as soon as possible)

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: ____________ ____________ ____________ ____________
Expire Date: ____________ ____________
Name on Card: ____________________________ Signature: ____________________________ Date: __/__/2014