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.

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Thought: “Think deeply; speak gently; love much; laugh often; work hard; give freely; pay promptly; be kind.” Anonymous

From the Principal

It has been wonderful to see many of our students working hard to make a good impression in many areas; work ethic, presentation, care for the environment and respectful behaviours. In particular, the use of common sense and manners. Last week one of our past students, Ivan Franjic, (Class of 2005 and current Socceroo Player who had just finished competing for Australia in the Asian Cup) visited the College and spoke briefly to students at assembly. He emphasised the importance of working hard, having belief in yourself and making a good impression. He shared some anecdotes of his travels, competing, facing set backs and the highlight of the Asian Cup win. We congratulate and applaud his fine achievement.
This week we presented our College and School Leaders their badges at the Leaders Induction Assembly. Congratulations to the students who have been selected to lead the College and their Schools.

**Student Leaders 2015**

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Subject Award | VCE 2014 | Kristy Prasad | Sport & Recreation (VCE VET)
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Thank you to all the parents who attended information evenings. This is an opportunity to show your children that you are keen to work in partnership with the College to best support them in understanding expectations.

Traffic Congestion: On some days there is considerable traffic congestion. Much of this is a result of non-school traffic on Mickleham Road preventing people turning into and out of the College. However, if parents follow traffic instructions then this allows for a smoother flow. These include:

- Please observe speed limits; 40 km/h along the entrance road and then 20 km/h around the ring road. Children may cross the road unexpectedly.
- Please observe the times when all cars must only travel anticlockwise around our internal ring-road: 8.00am - 8.45am and 2.50pm - 4.15pm. This is for safety reasons while buses are using the road.
- When using the western parent car park, please park in the reverse-parking bays before dropping children off. They should not be walking in the path of vehicles.
- Please do not attempt to drop off or pick up children in the staff car park; there is no safe path for children into the school as the adjacent pedestrian crossing is not supervised.
- Cars parked along the ring road outside the primary school must not be left unattended at any time - this is a drop-off and pick-up zone; if you wish to leave your car you should use the gym or parent car park.
- When dropping off or collecting primary school children, please do not park near the windmills as the roadway is too dangerous for children to cross. The Gym car park should be used.
- The only place where children are permitted to cross the ring road is the marked pedestrian crossing near the Gym, supervised at pick-up time; children must be accompanied by parents. Please do not ever expect your children to cross the ring road anywhere else.
- Please ensure that you do not park in the marked disabled places; we have a number of families who require these and only cars with disabled stickers are permitted.
- Please strictly observe the sign-posted turn right rules onto Mickleham Road. Only left turn is permitted during peak times morning and afternoon. This is an important safety issue.
- If you arrive early in the afternoon to queue at the boom gate, you must not block the main entrance road or roundabout. When the boom gate queue lane is full, excess cars must enter the car park and wait for the boom gate to open.

Please be courteous to staff who are managing traffic and follow their instructions. We are working at ways to improve traffic and request your patience. Some ways in which you can assist with the flow is for example: Car pooling with other families, parents of older students arriving a little later (around 3.30pm).

Easter Season: As we enter in the Easter Season, we should remember it is a time of prayer and acts of charity. As families we should be considering what we can do to demonstrate our love and trust in God’s goodness and what he provides us. We live in a country of opportunity and with this blessing we must think of and provide for those less fortunate, those in hunger, those suffering forms of injustice or abuse and those who are homeless. Aim to show through action that through God you can make a difference.

Mrs Josie Crisara
Principal

From the Deputy Principal

Student Traffic Safety: This week at assemblies, I spoke to the students about traffic safety. I reminded them that Aitken College is designed so that students do not have to cross the paths of cars during drop-off and pick-up times; with one exception, the pedestrian crossing near the Gym which is the only place they are permitted to cross the ring road.
I described two behaviours that must not occur:
- Students must not “short cut” across the car park to access cars; they must walk around the path; crossing the car park is dangerous.
- Students must not enter or exit cars unless the car is parked correctly; doing so while in a traffic queue is dangerous.

Parents are requested to avoid placing their children at risk by ensuring that these safety rules are adhered to.

Mr Kim Forward
Deputy Principal

Parents and Friends Association News

The Aitken College Parents and Friends Association is an active group of supportive families who are excited to be a vital part of a growing and distinctive school community where individuals and families are valued and supported. The group has great energy and vision and works closely with the school to determine the projects best supported by our fundraising.

Community Business Directory: Thank you to all businesses that have advertised in our Community Business Directory over the past year. We are currently taking orders for spots for this year’s directory which will begin in March. Please see the end of the newsletter for a complete business listing and registration form. If you have any queries regarding the Business Directory please email us at: admin@aitkencollege.edu.au.

Parents & Friends Association Meeting: The next meeting is on Wednesday, 18 March (after Kids ROC sausage sizzle). This will be held at DiCaprio Family Restaurant in Tullamarine at 7.30pm.

Trivia Night: This will be held on Friday, 20 March. A booking form will be distributed shortly.

Parents & Friends would love to hear from you! We are starting to plan for this year’s events and also to consider what to use our funds for so if you have any questions, comments or ideas please email us at: admin@aitkencollege.edu.au or comment on our Facebook page.

Mrs Siobhan Short
Aitken College Parents & Friends Association

Brookhill School Notices

Congratulations and thanks are due to the Senior School students for their behaviour and participation in this week’s House Swimming Sports and a big thank you to the great work done in organising the events by the Physical Education staff. The day was a huge success, due in large part to the excellent example set by the Senior House and Sports Captains.

Thank you to all parents who came to the Year 12 parent information evening on Wednesday 18 February. At the evening, parents learnt about the Study Skills program Brookhill students have been undertaking. There was also an informative discussion about the range of distractions which Year 12 students must be aware of how to manage well-being and an explanation of the careers program for this year. It is important that families and the College work together to help senior students keep focussed on the important task of preparing for their final exams.

Mr David Murphy
Head of Brookhill

VCAL News

The Duke of Edinburgh’s Award scheme forms part of the program for Year 11 and Year 12 VCAL students. The Award is an internationally recognised and valued program that encourages and empowers young people to engage with their community, explore their potential and challenge themselves to achieve personal excellence. This is achieved through structured, independent and non-competitive voluntary activities which encourage personal discovery and growth, self-reliance, perseverance, responsibility and service to the community.

Throughout this term the Year 11 and Year 12 VCAL students will be committing themselves to the Duke of Edinburgh’s voluntary ‘Service’. The aim of the voluntary service is based on the belief that members of the community should care for each other and contribute to their community. The service is undertaken substantially in a student’s own time and involves a regular commitment averaging at least one hour per week. Previous College participants with the Duke of Edinburgh program have reflected that it was the voluntary service that gave them the most satisfaction. Students show regular commitment and effort but also learn from the experience.

Luke - Voluntary work helping with the Junior PE program

Mrs Jenny Lilley
VCAL Co-ordinator

Dunheelen School Notices

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Year 7 Camp: Last week the Year 7 camp at Phillip Island Adventure Resort went very well. The students were wonderfully behaved and through conversations with many of them, I think that they thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The students participated in activities such as: a giant swing, high ropes, raft making, canoeing, beach walks, swimming, archery, flying fox and a trivia night, just to name a few. Thank you to all the teachers who came along, your assistance is greatly appreciated. A huge thank you to Mrs Gail Sims who worked tirelessly in First Aid. It was a wonderful camp and I am sure the students have many wonderful stories and memories to share.

We are almost ready to announce all Semester 1 Class Captains. Names will be published in the next newsletter and there will be an assembly to introduce the Class Captains to all of Dunhelen.

Congratulations to the newly elected School and House Captains who were inducted on Wednesday, 18 February. At this formal ceremony, all the Captains received their badges and made their pledges. Later that afternoon the students participated in a Leadership Training afternoon at Sherwood Receptions where they gained important leadership skills and had their role as a student leader of Aitken College, outlined to them. It was a wonderful afternoon.

As the term progresses students will find that their workload may increase. Some students may even begin to feel overwhelmed. Please help your children try and maintain a homework routine in order for them to learn to prioritise their time and work. Students are also encouraged to discuss with their subject teachers any difficulties they may be encountering.

On another important issue, I would like to remind parents to monitor their child’s internet usage. While the internet is an amazing tool for our students, we need to remember that they are still children and therefore need guidance, advice and boundaries. Please do try to keep yourself up to date with what is happening in the IT world and what your child is up to.

Cumberland School Notices

Thank you to the parents who attended the Information Evening on Tuesday, 10 February. I have had a lot of positive feedback about the evening being informative yet relaxed and refreshing. I am sure for many, the highlight was meeting Paris! Students will be introduced to her in the coming weeks. I briefly spoke about the quote and the information below. The Prep to Year 6 teachers unpacked the meaning of this in a previous School meeting. I hope your thoughts and beliefs are on similar paths.

’It is not how a school looks that counts. It is the tone, harmony and the atmosphere within that makes a school a good school. The ‘feel’ generated is intangible and can be lost if not nurtured’. Henry Grey

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Please do not hesitate to contact your child’s teacher or me during the year. Let us keep the channels of communication open in 2015. We are off to a great start and I want to thank the entire Cumberland community for their support thus far. I would like to acknowledge the Cumberland staff for their dedication, determination and willingness to work as a happy and committed team to support and educate your children.

We have two subject co-ordinators supporting the curriculum in Prep to Year 5. The aim of the primary school leadership team is to review the curriculum and ensure that our teaching and learning is current and best practice. Mrs Adams is the Primary English Co-ordinator and Miss Koullas is the Primary Maths Co-ordinator.

Congratulations to the following students who are representing their class as the Class Captains for this semester.

**Year 3**
- Andy Fu and Tatjana Milojkovic
- Amy Graham and Anthony Audino

**Year 4**
- Xavier Plant and Jasmine Edgar
- Jake McPherson and Madison Cook

**Year 5**
- Clarice Canilao and Anin Kuriakose
**Fairview School Notices**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Play is significant because it reinforces the following:

- Foundation to how children learn and interact with each other
- Foundation to their attention, response and processing skills
- They feel accepted, loved, happy and safe
- Building confidence, self-esteem and resilience
- Developing educational, emotional, social and physical skills
- Developing problem solving, language and communication skills
- Focusing on caring for others and their environment.

**Careers News**

**Careers:** Career decisions are some of the most important you can make; so seeking help to ensure you have all the information you need is vital. Career News is one source of information available to help you with your career research. It is published fortnightly during term, providing information about career research, information sessions being held about various courses and careers, Open Days at tertiary institutions and other organisations, career expos, insights into particular careers, details of new courses and advice about where you can go to seek help. Students who undertake their career and course research during Years 10, 11 and 12 usually find it easier to make the necessary decisions about their future pathways at the end of Year 12. When choosing a career direction keep in mind there is not one perfect job for you; there will be several jobs that will suit you. This means you need to explore many possibilities. Think about what you enjoy doing; is it sport related, scientific, reading / writing focussed, helping people, information technology related and so on? What do you like doing in your spare time? What subjects do you like / excel in? How important is the size of your future salary? Do you want to work in an office, or outdoors, or constantly be on the move? Answering these questions will assist you with your career research and with analysing whether a particular occupation may suit you. Also, keep in mind that you are almost certainly not deciding on a career for life; you will most likely change your career several times over the course of your working life. In B21 we are here to help. So make an appointment or drop in and see us.

**Career News 1:** This is now available and contains information about places to study in Victoria, the UMAT, an online tool to help with career research for those interested in engineering, dates for the ‘At Monash’ seminar series, the new

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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

Chaplain’s Corner

Transitional Times: Ever had one of those predicaments when your heart and your head cannot agree on which way to go, or what to do about a situation? Perhaps you find yourself caught in a dilemma and are uncertain of which way to turn right now.

These periods of confusion usually come along at transitional times; meaning - something has ended and our usual way of dealing with things no longer works for us. This leaves us feeling stuck and confused, and not sure of how to proceed. The theory suggests that we need to spend time working through the loss that we are going through (as a result of the ending), after which a new path will be made clear. But this does not happen overnight; for some people it can be as little as a few weeks, for others it can take years, the timeline is often dependent on the emotional investment in whatever it was, or being trapped in a belief system that has become dysfunctional.

If this is you, and you are looking for a way to move through the transition, then you might like to enrol for three listening skills seminars that I will be offering during Term 2. At this stage they will run on a Friday morning, but if there is enough interest, I am prepared to run an evening session as well. For expressions of interest please email me at: jbeale@aitkencollege.edu.au.

May God bless you all on your journeys!

Rev Jeanne Beale
Chaplain

Performing Arts News

College Musical: It has already been a busy start in Performing Arts this year. Last week we held auditions for this year’s College Musical, Annie. Over sixty students auditioned with a final cast of forty-five students gathering for their first rehearsal and family barbecue on Thursday. We congratulate Year 5 student Maddison Adams who will play the title role. Supporting her are Han Phillips as billionaire, Oliver Warbucks, Chelsea Anthony as Miss Hannigan and Ebony Gorlin as Grace. Matthew Shaw and Leah Robinson will play the evil duo of Rooster and Lily. More than forty staff are assisting in this year’s production, which is being musically directed by Mr Aaron Searle, choreographed by Mrs Natasha Radley and Mrs Angela Callard and directed by myself. Tickets will be on sale in mid June for the five performances which commence on Friday, 31 July.

Annie

VCE Theatre Studies Play: The VCE Theatre Studies students have selected the Dostoyevsky’s literary masterpiece, Crime and Punishment as their Unit Three production. Under the direction of Ms Jacqueline Flood, the eight Year 12 students will be responsible for all stagecraft elements. Five of the class will appear on stage, while the remaining three will undertake lighting, sound and stage management. There will be three performances running nightly, 14-16 May. Tickets will be on sale early April.

Middle School Play: Following an information session next week, students in Year 8 and Year 9 will have the opportunity to audition for this year’s Middle School Play, EB White’s classic Charlotte’s Web. Stagecraft responsibility for this production will fall to the Year 10 Theatre class. There will be two performances, 28-29 May with tickets on sale early May. Charlotte’s Web tells the heartwarming story of how one little spider called Charlotte changes the course for Wilbur the Pig. It will be a great play for all ages and the whole family.

College Play: Our final major production will be the College Play in October, George Orwell’s masterpiece, 1984. This year’s production will be directed by Mr Mike Arthur with initial auditions taking place prior to the end of Term 1. Students from Year 7 to Year 11 should keep an eye out for further information.

Performing Arts Captains’ Concert: Also before the end of Term, I encourage all families to join us for the annual Performing Arts Captains’ Concert. Once again, we will be raising funds for the Royal Melbourne Hospital Neuroscience Foundation in memory of Rachael Woodhams.
Our Performing Arts Captains, Jake Wehbeh and Alysha Maric will be looking for individuals or groups from across all year levels to share their talents in this entertaining night which will take place on Wednesday, 25 March. Bookings are not necessary, however, we ask for a gold coin donation on the night. We hope you can join us.

Mr Michael Cooper  
Director of Performing Arts

Physical Education News

School Sports Victoria Senior Summer Sports Day: The 2015 sporting calendar has already begun. On Thursday, 12 February, students from Years 11-12 represented Aitken College in School Sports Victoria Woodlands Division. They competed against a number of different schools within the Hume City Council. The results from the day are:

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All teams participated well and enjoyed the beautiful warm day out at sports. Unfortunately, no teams from the senior division made it through to Northern Metropolitan Regional this time around.

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

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The Community Business Directory for 2014 will come to a close at the end of February 2015. We hope this venture has been successful for your business and we look forward to your continued support for the 2015 directory, effective from March.

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, for the benefit of all our students.

Current bookings include:

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Thank you to all the above service providers for your contribution to the Community Business Directory 2014!

Yours sincerely

Siobhan Short
President
Aitken College Parents & Friends Association
[as at 17/02/2015]
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 2014 Business Directory will continue to be advertised until the end of February on the College website and in the newsletter.

The 2015 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 20 February 2015.

Yours sincerely

Siobhan Short
President
Aitken College Parents & Friends Association

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AITKEN COLLEGE PARENTS & FRIENDS ASSOCIATION
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(Please complete and return with your payment to the Accounts office by 20 February 2015)

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