

# 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 2016

Mon	01 Feb	Year 12 Conference Day (Moonee Valley)
Tue	02 Feb	Prep to Year 7 & Year 12 commence
Wed	03 Feb	Year 8 to Year 11 commence
Mon	14 Mar	Labour Day Holiday
Thur	17 Mar	Parent Teacher Interviews (Prep-12)
Wed	23 Mar	Parent Teacher Interviews (Prep-12)
Wed	23 Mar	Term 1 concludes for students
Thur	24 Mar	Professional Learning Day (student free)
Mon	11 Apr	Term 2 commences
Mon	25 Apr	ANZAC Day
Mon	13 Jun	Queen's Birthday Holiday
Tue	14 Jun	Report Writing Day (student free)
Fri	24 Jun	Term 2 concludes
Mon	18 Jul	Term 3 commences
Tue	9 Aug	Parent Teacher Interviews (Prep-12)
Thu	18 Aug	Parent Teacher Interviews (Prep-12)
Fri	19 Aug	Professional Learning Day (student free)
Fri	16 Sep	Term 3 concludes
Mon	03 Oct	Term 4 commences
Mon	31 Oct	Mid Term Break
Tue	01 Nov	Melbourne Cup Day Holiday
Fri	18 Nov	Report Writing Day (student free)
Wed	07 Dec	Presentation Night (Years 3 to 12)
Fri	09 Dec	Term 4 concludes

## Term Dates for 2016

Term 1	2/3 February	to	23 March
Term 2	11 April	to	24 June
Term 3	18 July	to	16 September
Term 4	3 October	to	9 December

Thought: "Knowledge is of two kinds. We know a subject ourselves, or we know where we can find information upon it." Samuel Johnson

## From the Principal

It is always exciting to begin a new school year. Welcome back to students and families and a warm welcome especially to new students and families.

The College is looking picturesque and this has been the result of the dedicated work of the non teaching staff. I encourage parents in particular during the year to take the opportunity to be involved in some aspect of College Life. Continue to respond to the Parent Volunteer Form and support the Parents and Friends Association with their activities.

Teaching staff have been busy working on and with the students using our new Learning Management System, *MyAitken*. This platform will enable some exciting new initiatives in teaching and learning as well as assessment and reporting which will be accessible to parents.

The parent information evenings have been well attended, with a few more to come next week. Can I encourage you to attend as this is an opportunity to meet teachers and find out what is new at the College.

*Mrs Josie Crisara*  
Principal



## VALE - Miss Stacey Taylor (Class of 2009)

The College community offers our prayers, condolences and support to the family and her siblings, Flynn (Year 8) and Dylan (Class of 2012) on the passing of Stacey.

## Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund (CSEF)

The Victorian Government has established a Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund (CSEF) to provide payments to eligible students to attend camps, sports and excursions. Families holding a valid means-tested concession 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 and be tied to the student.

Application forms may be obtained from the College or downloaded from: [www.education.vic.gov.au/csef](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/csef) and must be lodged by 29 February 2016.

## Craigieburn Bus Service

The charter bus service from Craigieburn to Aitken College currently has vacancies. Route and stop information can be viewed at [http://www.sunburybus.com.au/html/school\\_services.asp?act=map&sid=29](http://www.sunburybus.com.au/html/school_services.asp?act=map&sid=29). Please contact Mrs Jane Cooke at the College on 9333 1866 for more information.

## From the Deputy Principal

**Student iPads:** Students in Years 6 to 12, when connecting their iPads to the Aitken wireless network, will accept a level of network management of their device; this enhances security and safety and allows deployment of apps and documents to all students when required. Students have previously been warned that their use of the network, including incoming and outgoing internet traffic, websites visited and downloads, is monitored and can be tracked if inappropriate use is suspected.

**Public Transport Student Concession:** Information regarding public transport student concession cards needed by all students aged 17 or over can be found at the following website: <http://ptv.vic.gov.au/tickets/concessions/students/>

**Public School Buses:** Parents of students who use the public school bus services run by Tullamarine Bus Lines are requested to stress to their children the importance of paying for their ride by using their Myki card; too many children fail to do so and hence risk being fined by transport officers.

**Security Cameras:** A reminder that the College has a number of security cameras around the campus. These are necessary to help protect the College after hours and on weekends. They will also be used in any matters of inappropriate behaviour or vandalism that arise, or if unauthorised people are on site.

**College Publications:** On the Aitken College website, under News&Events/Publications, you can find Information Booklets for the four schools as well as College policies; including Privacy, Equal Opportunity, Discipline, Homework, Code of Conduct and others.

**An Evening with Steve Biddulph:** Please see the flyer elsewhere in this newsletter promoting two evenings with Steve Biddulph on 21 March (Raising Boys) and 22 March (Raising Girls), being held at Aitken College. These are public events so you should book early to reserve seats. Go to [www.familylifevictoria.org.au](http://www.familylifevictoria.org.au)

*Mr Kim Forward  
Deputy Principal*

## Brookhill School Notices

**Year 12 Student Learning Conference:** The year began for Brookhill students on Monday in the members area at Moonee Valley Racecourse with the inaugural Year 12 Student Learning Conference. At this full day conference, Year 12 students started the day listening to keynote speaker, Skye Melki-Wegner. Skye is a published author and highly successful VCE and University student, whose presentation focussed on strategies for academic success. Students then participated in study skills workshops run by Elevate Education; these are the culmination of the series of workshops undertaken by all Brookhill students throughout Years 10, 11 and 12. They had a seminar with the College Counsellor, Ms Jill Johnson and a representative from Headspace on mental wellbeing during Year 12 and a seminar with Miss Lutton and their Head of House on the academic side of Year 12. The conference finished off with a formal sit down dinner in the committee room, at which several of Aitken College's high achieving past Year 12 students spoke to the current senior group about their experiences.

**Year 12 Parent Information Evening:** A reminder to all parents of Year 12 students that the Year 12 Parent Information Evening will be held at the College on Tuesday 9 February in Common Room 1. This is an important night, where we will be discussing factors which can enhance or distract from a successful final year of schooling.

**Absence from School:** If a student is to be absent from school, please phone the Senior School Office on 9333 9107 before 8.30am and leave a message stating the student's name and reason for their absence. Parents will receive a phone call from the Senior School Office regarding students who are absent if no message has been received. If students are to be absent from school due to holidays, parents or guardians must notify the College in writing at least two weeks prior to the absence.

**Leaving School Early:** For a student to leave early, the College MUST have written permission from parents. If a student is leaving school early they are required to sign the Early Leaver's Book located outside the Senior School Office. Students should have a signed note from their parent or guardian authorising their absence. This should be posted in the Senior School letterbox. If the student does not have a note authorising their absence they must be signed out by the parent or guardian collecting them from school. If a student is leaving the school early due to illness, they must report to Sick Bay.

**Sport Uniform:** It is not acceptable for a student to wear sport uniform outside PE classes. Sport uniform is not an alternative to regular uniform, except in situations of medical necessity. We will not be accepting notes from parents excusing sport uniform, unless supported by medical evidence. Please note that students cannot wear sport uniform to and from school.

**Grooming:** Please support the College with the following non-negotiable points:

- Exaggerated hair styles, designed to attract attention (for example, shaved at the back and sides) are not permitted.
- Hair colouring must be uniform and natural looking.
- Piercings - Students may wear a single stud or sleeper in the ear lobe. Other piercings are not permitted. A student who gets a non-regulation piercing will not be allowed to wear it "while it heals".

**Year 12 Students:** Year 12 students are reminded that they are expected to attend Homeroom each morning, even if they have a study class period 1. Year 12 students may sign out early if they have a study class period 5, provided they have lodged the appropriate permission form (signed by parents); these forms are available at the Senior School Office.

**Driving To School:** Year 12 students with Driver Licenses may drive to school and park in the Western Staff carpark. To gain permission to do so, students must obtain a Driving to School application form from the Senior School Office. Complete this form and lodge a \$50.00 deposit with the Accounts Office. Students will be briefed on this procedure in Assembly.

*Mr David Murphy  
Head of Brookhill*

## VCAL News

VCAL - a head start into your career! The Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning – offers a flexible program for students who work better in an applied manner; which is basically learning by 'doing' and experiencing educational activities in the context of real life situations. Students who have a clear career direction have thrived in this environment. If your child is creative, loves the outdoors, loves fashion and beauty or has already said to you, 'I want to be an electrician' or 'I want to have a career in childcare' then VCAL will give them a head start into their career.

Congratulations to the successful Aitken College VCAL graduates from 2015 who have either entered full time employment or are continuing with their studies or gained an apprenticeship.

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award scheme is 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. The Award provides opportunities for young people to develop into mature, active citizens who will positively contribute towards society.

Congratulations to students, Alex Vellucci, Matt Gorupic, Nick Spera, Jordan Ciarma and Luke Capuano who received the Duke of Edinburgh Silver Award. Congratulations also to students Zac Maaka, Chris Krizanic, Courtney Polidano, Bonnie Alderman, Daniel Charalambous, Nikola Stojanovic, Paul Dickinson and Connor Hodge who were awarded their Bronze Award.



*2015 Graduates*



*Receiving their Bronze Award*

*Mrs Jenny Lilley  
VCAL Co-ordinator*

## **Dunhelen School Notices**

Welcome to all students and families who are new to Aitken College in 2016 and welcome back to all of our existing students and families. I hope you all enjoyed a wonderful break and are refreshed and ready to go and I am sure 2016 will be an enjoyable and productive year.

It has already been a busy week in Dunhelen and I look forward to continuing to work with students, staff and parents. The Year 7 students started off their Secondary education well and had an enjoyable, if not busy, first day getting to know other students, teachers and their school. On Monday 8 February they will be heading off to Phillip Island for 2 nights, this is sure to be a great experience for them.



*Year 7 - Getting to know our classmates, school and teachers*

Once again, I am ably assisted by three Assistant Heads of Dunhelen; Mr Ben Prentice - Year 7, Mr Michael Patchell - Year 8 and Mrs Elpis Vlahopoulos - Year 9. We are also fortunate to have a wonderful team of teachers; Mr Tassie Eleftheriou (7E), Miss Sarah Howells (7H), Ms Christalla Koukoulides (7K), Ms Brigitte Seivers (7S), Mr Tony Van Beek (7V), Mr Titus Lal (8L), Mr Cameron McGregor (8M), Mr Gordon Oreo (8O), Mr Christopher Reid (8R), Mrs Sherry Sadler (8S), Mr Luciano Bernes (9B), Mr Linden Koodravsev (9K), Mr Joel Moden (9M), Mr Alistair Shaw (9A) and Mrs Jenny Shipp (9S). Please do take the time to get to know your child's Homeroom teacher.

Some of your children might be feeling a little anxious about coming back to school. Having spoken to lots of students already, I know many are nervous about time management and of course, homework! These concerns are normal and I encourage you to speak to your child about them. Over the course of the next few weeks, teachers will be working with students on these matters, giving them some tips and advice, which should help ease some of this anxiety. All new students may be extra anxious and again that is totally understandable, please let your child know that teachers are here to assist them in any way they can and they should feel free to speak to any of their teachers.

I would like to take this opportunity to encourage you to keep the lines of communication between school and home open. If you have concerns about your child in a particular subject area, contact their subject teacher directly. If you have concerns of a pastoral nature, contact your child's Homeroom teacher. If any other matters are of concern to you, please do not hesitate to contact myself or the relevant Assistant Head of Dunhelen. It can often be difficult to catch teachers during the school day and often email is a more convenient method of communication.

A reminder to parents and students about school uniform. Students should be presenting to school in correct and tidy uniform every day. The Aitken College uniform policy is on the College website. Please ensure that you and your child are familiar with the policy.

Once again, welcome and I look forward to meeting many new students and parents this year.

*Mrs Francis Scuderi  
Head of Dunhelen*

## **Cumberland School Notices**

I would like to welcome all students and families back to school after the summer holidays. I hope everyone has had a wonderful break and are refreshed and ready for the year of learning ahead. I would particularly like to welcome students and families who are new to the College and also to welcome the students in Year 3 who have progressed into Cumberland from Fairview. The time from Year 3 to Year 6 is an important time of growth where students build and extend upon the foundations provided in earlier years. I am confident that Cumberland school will provide a rich, nurturing environment with a focus on personal growth and academic success.

I am excited to be joining the Cumberland school community and am looking forward to working with student's families and teachers to continue to build on the work that has been occurring in the school. A strong partnership between families and school is critical to provide an environment where all students can achieve their full potential and I look forward to continuing to develop this partnership.

Please note the following important dates for early in Term 1;

- Chapel Service and Assembly - Every Monday Period 2
- Thursday 4 February - Cumberland Parent Information night - 7.30pm
- Friday 12 February - School Photos (Full school uniform)
- Monday 15 February - Year 4 Open afternoon and Picnic 2.30 - 4.00pm
- Thursday 18 February - Year 5 Open afternoon and Picnic 2.30 - 4.00pm
- Monday 22 February - Year 6 Open afternoon and Picnic 2.30 - 4.00pm
- Thursday 25 February - Year 3 Open afternoon and Picnic 2.30 - 4.00pm
- Thursday 25 February - Cumberland Cross Country day - 9.00am - 11.00am
- Tuesday 1 March – Cumberland Swimming Carnival



*Happy Year 3  
Students settling into  
the new school year*

Can I stress to students and families that it is compulsory for students in Cumberland school to wear a hat in Term 1. Students who do not have their hat will not be able to play outside or participate in outdoor Physical education classes.

**Parent Helpers Information Session:** The College is offering Fairview and Cumberland School parents the opportunity to partake in the parent helpers' information session. It will outline the program requirements and how parents can actively be involved in College life. Parents who do not attend the session cannot assist in the classroom. The session is scheduled for Thursday 25 February from 6.00pm to 8.00pm. Interested participants can email me at [jrudd@aitkencollege.edu.au](mailto:jrudd@aitkencollege.edu.au) by Friday 19 February.

Term 1 provides many opportunities for families to be actively involved in their child's learning and I look forward to meeting parents, families and students as the year progresses.

*Mr John Rudd  
Head of Cumberland*

## Fairview School Notices

**Welcome:** Every new year at Aiken College brings a great deal of joy and cherished moments. I acknowledge it is an amazing blessing to be part of this community and experience the first day of school for new students and parents. It was a day of celebration and of course mixed emotions for our families, and it was also lovely to see many grandparents and other extended family members. The preparation of children starting Prep spans over six months and the hard work of all of the parents and staff during this time contributes to a successful beginning to school life. Beginning school holds many emotions; excitement, apprehension, anxiety, laughter and tears and these are all fine. All members of our community are supported and it was wonderful to see our new families join our College community. We welcome all our families to the 2016 school year. We look forward to a very exciting and rewarding year.



*Prep students on their first day at school with their families*

The Preparatory School staff includes:

Prep K	Ms Maria Koullas
Prep M	Mrs Kellie Mahoney
Prep R	Mrs Natasha Radley
One G	Mrs Nicole Gilbert
One P	Ms Sharon Peluso
Two D	Ms Bianca Duell
Two R	Mr Ron Rees

**Chapel and Assembly - every Monday from 9.00am to 10.00am:** Rev Jeanne Beale has organised a welcoming Chapel service on Monday 8 February 2016 for the Preparatory School, focusing on the Prep children and new families. All of our families are very welcome to attend the Chapel service (9.00am), followed by a class focused Assembly (9.30am).

**Assembly Schedule:**

Week	Date	Year Level
1	N/A	No Assembly
2	8/2/2016	Ms Neophytou
3	15/2/2016	Two R
4	22/2/2016	Two D
5	29/2/2016	One G
6	7/3/2016	One P
7	14/3/2016	Labour Day Holiday
8	21/3/2016	Easter Service

**Fairview Information Evening:** The Fairview School Information Evening is scheduled for Monday 8 February 2016 at 7.30pm in the Chapel and Performing Arts Centre. The session will provide parents with the opportunity to meet their child's Homeroom teacher and discuss home and school expectations. It is crucial that parents attend, as it reinforces College procedures and ensures a smooth transition for the children.

Please take note of the following points:

- We request that the children bring to school a re-useable drink bottle and lunch box. We are also encouraging that the lunch box used eliminates the need for any plastic wrappers around food.
- Each child is required to have a bottle of water at school.
- Please ensure that your child is wearing the correct footwear. This includes: flat black lace up leather shoes or leather pull up boots, no buckles or velcro. Pull up boots are only worn in the Preparatory School and children entering Year Three must wear flat black lace up shoes.
- Your child **must** bring their hat to school everyday. Children without a hat will not be permitted to play outside or participate in their Physical Education class.
- It is also advised that your child bring a small tube/bottle of sun block. Please ensure that they have sun block on before they arrive to school.
- Preparatory School children are not permitted to visit the canteen before school begins.
- It is also compulsory that all hair is tied back in a pony-tail at all times. If the hair is at a length which can be tied back, it must be tied in a bottle green hair tie or ribbon.
- Prep and Year One children are required to bring a spare change of underwear, socks and trackpants/shorts (blue or green) to school.

**Fairview and Cumberland News:** School Photographs are scheduled for Friday 12 February 2016. Your child is required to wear their full Summer school uniform. If your child has Physical Education or PMP on this day, they can bring their sport shoes to school. **They must not wear their sport uniform to school on this day.** Family photograph envelopes are available from my office (F8) and Reception. They have been scheduled for lunchtime during the following times:

**Friday 12 February – surnames from A to M**

**Friday 19 February – surnames from N to Z**

The older sibling will be required to collect their younger sibling from their homeroom and take them to the Chapel and Performing Arts Centre.

**Year Two and Four Swimming Program:** All students in Year 2 and Year 4 will be involved in a compulsory swimming program and swimming carnival during Term 1. The intensive program includes eight fully instructed **45 minute lessons**. All students will travel by bus to and from Broadmeadows Leisure Centre. Prep and Year 1 students will participate in the swimming program during Term 2. The consent form will be sent to families next week.

<b>Year 2 and 4 Swimming Dates</b>
Wednesday 2 March 2016
Thursday 3 March 2016
Friday 4 March 2016
Monday 7 March 2016
Tuesday 8 March 2016
Wednesday 9 March 2016
Thursday 10 March 2016
Friday 11 March 2016

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*Ms Kerrie Neophytou  
Head of Fairview*

## Careers News

We are excited to be commencing a new school year and are looking forward to meeting with the Brookhill students as the year progresses. In B21 we will continue with our open door policy where we are happy to meet with students during their study periods or at recess or lunchtime without an appointment. Of course students are also very welcome to make an appointment if they prefer. We are available to talk about career and course options, future pathways and subject selection and to assist with course and career research. We encourage all Year 12 students to come and see us at least once during Semester 1.

We will be speaking at the Senior School information evenings over the next few weeks and will be on campus for parent teacher interview sessions.

The Career News is written and published fortnightly and will be available via My Aitken through the Community portal. Career News aims to keep parents and students up to date and informed about all things 'career' related, including details of seminars, workshops and information sessions, information about occupations, tertiary course updates, including new courses and Open Day information.

The Careers office is staffed most days except when we are at meetings or professional development seminars. Please contact us on 9333 1866 or email: [careers@aitkencollege.edu.au](mailto:careers@aitkencollege.edu.au)

*Mrs Clare Borg and Ms Rae Gibbs  
Careers Advisers*

## Chaplain's Corner

**Life's Ups And Downs:** Monday I was leading a funeral for a past student and Tuesday I was sitting on the floor playing games with some of our new Preppies. The two days offered me such contrast; devastation to delight in 24 hours. We can often find ourselves riding an emotional Roller Coaster like this; extreme lows followed by extreme highs (and vice versa), they are the polarities between which we all live. So I guess I just want to encourage everyone to treasure the special moments in life, give them the joy and respect they deserve. In fact, go out of your way to make them happen! These are the things that sustain us through the tough times in life. Jesus said, "I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly" (John 10:10b), so if you need an excuse to let go and live life to the full, blame Jesus – I do!

May I offer a BIG welcome to all of our new families, I hope you enjoy the ride.

*Rev Jeanne Beale  
Chaplain*

## Environmental Programs

My aim for this year is to provide all students with the opportunity to become involved with engaging environmental activities, while learning how to live more sustainably. The first step towards that goal is student leadership!

In the coming weeks, class Environment Monitors will be selected throughout Fairview, Cumberland and Dunhelen. They will be responsible for leading their teacher and classmates towards sustainable behaviours in the classroom, such as appropriate waste disposal and minimising energy use where possible. Cumberland and Dunhelen Environment Captains and Brookhill Captains will soon become involved in leading initiatives for the wider student body. Keep an eye on this space for specific updates on environmental opportunities for students!

*Ms Cristy Herron  
Head of Environmental Program*

## Humanities News

EarthCraft received numerous mentions in the media over the summer break. Participants from Mrs Lindsay's class were photographed by the Hume Leader when the Mayor came to visit. An article appeared in the Hume Leader, "*Students get on board with politics*". Crosslight also featured students playing the game, in an article entitled "*Aitken College students tackle global politics*": [crosslight.org.au/2015/12/17/aitken-college-students-tackle-global-politics](http://crosslight.org.au/2015/12/17/aitken-college-students-tackle-global-politics). The Sydney Morning Herald and The Age also featured the game in their national education dispatch, "*The games polities play*": [www.smh.com.au/national/education/education-news-in-brief-20151209-glj8r6.html](http://www.smh.com.au/national/education/education-news-in-brief-20151209-glj8r6.html). Hume City Council also plan on featuring the experiences of the students in a front page article, so watch this space. A new game along similar lines, but solely challenging students to deal with local and international environmental problems has begun, with Ms Cristy Herron and myself developing "Planetology", which aims to be ready for Outdoor Environmental Science students in 2016 and Year 10 Geography students in future years.

*Mr Ben Lawless  
Head of Faculty - Humanities*

## Performing Arts News

There have been a few changes to the Performing Arts team for 2016. Firstly, we welcome back Ms Beth Thomson from maternity leave, working three days a week and teaching across Primary and Secondary classes. Ms Claire Colthup will continue in Beth's leadership role so enquiries about Primary Performing Arts programs and events should be directed to Ms Colthup.

There are two new Music staff; Miss Stephanie Pace joins us from Hume Anglican Grammar and will be teaching both Primary and Secondary Music and Performing Arts Classes and Mr Nicholas Frampton takes on the role of Head of Music Faculty, joining us from Emmanuel College, Warrnambool. While Mrs Anna Pavlou will still maintain the timetables for Instrumental Music Tutors, other enquiries about this program or anything relating to Music classes should be made to Mr Frampton.

This week we have held the information session for the College Musical, a new Broadway version of Gilbert and Sullivan's, *Pirates of Penzance*. A great turn out of students heard some of the ideas we have for presenting this classic but wonderfully energetic and funny musical. Students will be auditioning next week and casting will be completed before the first rehearsal in the final week of February. I will be directing the show, assisted by Ms Claire Colthup who will also manage choreography and Mrs Christine Hutchinson is Musical Director. Performances will be held late July.

This year's Middle School production is the play version of *The Wizard of Oz*. This is not the musical version so students do not need to sing to be a part of it. An information session will be held late in February and auditions are planned for 2 March. Students in Year 8 and Year 9 are invited to audition for Ms Jacqueline Flood who will be directing this production with the Year 10 Theatrecraft class managing the design and technical side of the show. Students should keep an eye out for information in student bulletins for our production which will take place at the end of May.

The major performance for this term is *The Performing Arts Captains' Concert* which will be held in the Chapel and Performing Arts Centre on Tuesday 15 March at 7.30pm. This student-directed, annual fundraising concert is open to all students who would like to be considered for an item. Some years we have even had parents performing with their students and mixed year level groups. I encourage you to keep the date free as it only costs a gold-coin donation which will go towards a very worthy cause still to be finalised. All are welcome.

There are still spaces left in our *Instrumental Music Program*. The program provides quality tuition in a range of instruments including piano, guitar, bass, voice, saxophone, violin, flute and clarinet. We would also like to re-introduce drums this year but need a number of students taking this on. Please express an interest to Mr Frampton or collect a instrumental enrolment form. Out of the Year 7/8 Band program and for a very reasonable extra hire fee, we have available a small number of flute, clarinet, saxophones, trumpets and trombones if students are interested in undertaking lessons in one of these instruments. Please get in touch for further information or read about the program on the enrolment form.

**Mr Michael Cooper**  
*Director of Performing Arts*

### Instrumental Music Tuition

- Instrumental Music Tuition is available on a variety of instruments and is open to all students enrolled at Aitken College. Enrolment forms can be collected from the office of the Head of Music or downloaded from MyAitken.
- Music lessons will commence Monday 8 February. Timetables are available for viewing outside the instrumental tuition studios and on MyAitken.

**Mr Nicholas Frampton**  
*Head of Faculty - Music*

### FOSTER CARE INFORMATION SESSION

**Ever thought about fostering children or young people?**

**Make a difference in a child's life.....and your own!**

Our next information session is on  
**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> February, 7pm**  
**in the Glenroy area**



To book or to receive an information package please contact Kay Gyngell on 9301 5200

or [kay.gyngell@anglicarevic.org.au](mailto:kay.gyngell@anglicarevic.org.au)



## Notice to Aitken College students

On Monday 8<sup>th</sup> February changes will be introduced to the school service from Craigieburn.

Due to increased school traffic and late runnings of our school services we have amended the pickup time at Craigieburn by 5 minutes.

**The new time effective Monday 8<sup>th</sup> February, 2016  
shall be**

**7.50am Departure from Old Craigieburn Shops.**

This time is 5 minutes earlier than the current 0755am departure time.

If you have any queries please contact us on 9338 6466



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### **An Evening with Steve Biddulph.**

World renowned parent educator and author Steve Biddulph will be sharing his wealth of experience on –

**Monday, March 21 - Raising Boys**

**Tuesday, March 22 – Raising Girls**

In the Chapel and Performing Arts Centre commencing at 7.30.

<p>These nights will be followed in Term 2 by Parent Workshops Let's Talk – About sex Delivered by Family Life Victoria at Newbury Community Centre, Craigieburn and can be booked at the same time for a greatly discounted cost.</p>
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Bookings open - **February 8<sup>th</sup>** online at

[www.familylifevictoria.org.au](http://www.familylifevictoria.org.au)

Cost – Adult - \$30      Concession (Health care card holders) - \$25

Add the follow up workshop at the time of booking for discounted rate.

Talk and workshop: Adult - \$50      Concession - \$45

Please Note: Children/babies will not be admitted.



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[www.campaustralia.com.au](http://www.campaustralia.com.au)  
or call 1300 105 343

### Welcome back to the new school year!

We hope you have all enjoyed the holiday break and are excited for a fantastic new year. After having a great holiday ourselves, we are back on board and excited to see familiar faces returning – as well as some new faces.

To help get your family back into the swing of things, here are some tips that you might find handy for easing your children into After School Care.

#### Tips for easing you kids into After School Care:

1. Give your child as much advance warning as you can that they'll be coming to After School Care.
2. Pop into the program with your child to meet our Camp Australia team and find out what kind of activities they can look forward to.
3. Speak with the Camp Australia Coordinator if your child is nervous, and let us know how your child felt after their first visit.
4. If there is something in particular your child would like to play when they are in our care, encourage them to tell us know or you can give us a call.

We're here to make after school care visits the best experience possible, if you have any questions about the program – feel free to drop by, meet the team and see what happens in After School Care first hand.

We look forward to seeing you soon.

The Camp Australia Team.

#### Program Details

To find out more about our program and to register and book visit [www.campaustralia.com.au](http://www.campaustralia.com.au)

From all of the team at Camp Australia we wish you a fantastic 2016 and we look forward to seeing you and your family in the program soon.



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## 2016 TRAINING TIMES (PRESEASON)

### WESTMEADOWS FOOTBALL CLUB U15 YOUTH GIRLS

#### Training Start Dates and Times – Season 2016



#### Under 15s Girls

Start Monday February 1st @ 5:00pm Main Ground (Mondays only)



**Gareth Hanlon**  
Junior Coordinator  
Westmeadows Football Club

P.O. BOX 2335  
GLADSTONE PARK VIC 3043

Email: [juniors@westmeadowsfc.com.au](mailto:juniors@westmeadowsfc.com.au)



**Brett Lindrea**  
Junior Coaching Coordinator  
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**Thank you to all service providers who have purchased a space for 2015!**

The proceeds from 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.

#### The 2015 Directory includes:

##### ACCOUNTING & FINANCIAL SERVICES

###### **Mortgage Choice**

Mortgage Broker, Financial Planner and Insurance – we provide a free service for finding the best mortgage to suit your needs. We also provide a financial planning service and insurance.

Contact details: Chris Howitt  
☎ 9333 4370 m: 0401 334 599 E: [chris.howitt@mortgagechoice.com.au](mailto:chris.howitt@mortgagechoice.com.au)

###### **SBC Business Services Pty Ltd**

With over 30-years' experience I can service all your taxation, accounting and business needs.

Contact details: Bernadette Crane, CPA  
☎ 9308 1382 m: 0427 941 760 E: [sbcbusiness@iprimus.com.au](mailto:sbcbusiness@iprimus.com.au)

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###### **Artistic Stile & Stone** [ABN: 32 288 569 078]

Supplier of quality wall and floor tiles, stone and mosaics. Supplier of tiling materials and accessories.

Contact details: Lucy Costa  
☎ m: 0430 293 255  
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Covering all of Melbourne, we are a trusted and experienced tiling company which provides services for the following:

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Contact details: Paul Costa  
☎ m: 0407 571 641  
💻 [www.prodesigntiling.com.au](http://www.prodesigntiling.com.au) and Facebook  
E: [info@prodesigntiling.com.au](mailto:info@prodesigntiling.com.au)

##### CLEANING – DOMESTIC & COMMERCIAL

###### **Lincoln Cleaning**

All types of cleaning. Specialising in carpet and rug steam cleaning, window washing, driveways and patios. Please contact us for a free quote.

Contact details: Eileen Arsovski Lupco Arsovski  
☎ m: 0412 119 168 m: 0404 799 780  
E: [eileen.arsovski@hotmail.com](mailto:eileen.arsovski@hotmail.com) E: [arl.2008@hotmail.com](mailto:arl.2008@hotmail.com)

##### DANCE STUDIO

###### **The Dance Room**

The Dance Room offers classes in Jazz, Tap, Ballet, Hip Hop, Breakdance, Acrobatics and Singing. We have three locations - Tullamarine, Glenroy and West Brunswick. First class free.

Contact details: Marnie Petch  
☎ 9338 2065 m: 0418 883 608  
💻 [www.the.dancerroom.net](http://www.the.dancerroom.net) E: [marnielson@bigpond.com](mailto:marnielson@bigpond.com)

##### DENTAL

###### **FirstBite Dental - Essendon**

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Contact details: Aurora Hauth  
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#### DENTAL – cont'd

##### **Greenvale Dental Group**

Greenvale Dental Group is your local dentist located inside the Greenvale Shopping Centre. Dr Soraya Eakins and her team are passionate about modern, gentle dentistry – specialising in family, emergency, sedation and cosmetic dentistry.

Contact details:

Greenvale Dental Group

☎ 9333 6854

🌐 [www.greenvaledentalgroup.com.au](http://www.greenvaledentalgroup.com.au)

#### HAIR & BEAUTY

##### **Hair 4 Kids – Airport West**

Hairdressing for babies, toddlers, primary and secondary school kids. A colourful salon where children can play PlayStation and watch DVD's whilst waiting. We at the salon also provide haircuts for families.

Contact details:

Con Hondrogiannis

☎ 9310 4696

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E: [hair4kidsairportwest@gmail.com](mailto:hair4kidsairportwest@gmail.com)

##### **Perfect Pout Hair & Make-up**

Almost 10-years in the Bridal industry – specialising in hair and airbrush make-up, which lasts up to 24-hours – tear and perspiration proof- and gives a flawless finish to the skin, making it perfect for HD photography.

Contact details:

Helen Shamsabadi

☎ m: 0419 520 905

🌐 [www.perfectpout.com.au](http://www.perfectpout.com.au)

E: [info@perfectpout.com.au](mailto:info@perfectpout.com.au)

##### **Synergy Hair Beauty Massage**

Full service salon specialising in haircuts, hairdressing, make-up, spray tans, waxing, facials and massages. Deb packages are available including hair, spray tan, nails and makeup. Call our friendly salon and book now.

Contact details:

Deb Casey

☎ 9744 1635 m: 0408 054 483

🌐 [www.synergyhbm.com.au](http://www.synergyhbm.com.au)

E: [accounts@synergyhbm.com.au](mailto:accounts@synergyhbm.com.au)

#### HEALTH & FITNESS

##### **Julie's Fitness Studio**

Personal trainer to improve your health and fitness in a very private studio with complete gymnasium – quality gym equipment, weight loss program and body toning. Pricing: \$30 per 1-hour session (group sessions also available).

Contact details:

Julie Theuma

☎ m: 0425 719 444

#### MEDICAL SERVICE

##### **Westmeadows Medical Centre**

Contact details:

☎ 9338 2305

🌐 [www.westmeadowsmc.com.au](http://www.westmeadowsmc.com.au)

E: [pracnurse\\_westmeadows@yahoo.com.au](mailto:pracnurse_westmeadows@yahoo.com.au)

#### MUSIC LESSONS

##### **Greenvale Music School**

Music lessons for all ages and levels, in the following instruments: Piano, Violin, Guitar, Drums, Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone and Singing.

Contact details:

Jenaye Lanser-Block

☎ m: 0401 497 612

E: [greenvalemusicschool@gmail.com](mailto:greenvalemusicschool@gmail.com)

#### PRE-SCHOOL EDUCATION

##### **Kids Love Learningland**

Fun, educational programs for 3–5 year olds to assist with literacy, numeracy, speech and readiness for primary school. Give your child the educational difference. Classes in Greenvale. Enrol Now.

Contact details:

Raelene Pereara

☎ m: 0410 803 123

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#### PROPERTY MAINTENANCE / HANDYMAN

##### **Hire A Hubby Greenvale**

Handyman Services, Pool Fencing, Glass and Stainless Steel Balustrades, Welding, Privacy Slat Fencing, Land Scaping, Tiling, Plaster Repairs, Painting and much more.

Contact details:

Richard Robinson

☎ m: 0414 825 127

💻 [www.hireahubby.com.au](http://www.hireahubby.com.au)

E: [hahgreenvale@bigpond.com](mailto:hahgreenvale@bigpond.com)

#### TENNIS & FITNESS

##### **Complete Tennis Services**

We are affiliated with Tennis Australia and provide tennis programs as well as competitions for the whole family, including: Hotshots, Tennis Xpress, Cardio Tennis, Fast4 Competitions and social events. We have three locations in Hume: Craigieburn and Greenvale Tennis Clubs and the new Hume Tennis and Community Centre.

Contact details:

Nathan Xuereb

☎ 1300 486 382

💻 [www.humetennis.com.au](http://www.humetennis.com.au)

E: [nathan@humetennis.com.au](mailto:nathan@humetennis.com.au)

#### TRAVEL

##### **Michelle Magee – Travel Manager**

Let's face it, whether overseas or within Australia, organising a family holiday is time consuming. Take back your precious time by allowing me to organise everything for you. Conveniently located in Greenvale within walking distance of Aitken College. Email, phone, pop in, or I'll come to you. Let's talk Travel!

Contact details:

Michelle Magee

☎ 0435 768 991

💻 [www.travelmanagers.com.au/ptm/MichelleMagee/](http://www.travelmanagers.com.au/ptm/MichelleMagee/)

E: [michelle.magee@travelmanagers.com.au](mailto:michelle.magee@travelmanagers.com.au)

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##### **Bill Kerry Machinery Transport Pty Ltd**

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Transport and placement of all types of machines, factory relocations, switchboards, sheds, containers, new house beams, trusses, statues, stone, air conditioners onto roof tops, water tanks, etc. Unusual items are our speciality.

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#### TUITION

##### **Art Studio – Drawing and Painting**

The Studio provides Drawing and Painting Tuition for students of all ages. After school classes are run by a qualified teacher in small groups with materials provided..

Contact details:

Silvia Parisi

☎ m: 0414 466 572

##### **Hume Maths and English Tutoring**

Year 4, 5 and 6 Maths and English tutoring. Available in Greenvale, Attwood, Westmeadows, Gladstone Park, Tullamarine and Craigieburn. For further details, please phone Yullia on 0405 380 267.

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Yullia Beteramia

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We look forward to your continued interest in our Community Business Directory for the coming year 2016.

Yours sincerely

*Siobhan Short*

President - Aitken College Parents & Friends Association



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