

# 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

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

Thought: "The story of Easter is the story of God's wonderful window of divine surprise." Carl Knudsen

## From the Principal

Christians call the week between Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday, Holy Week. In the Gospels we read about what happened to Jesus and his disciples during that week. Jesus was preparing himself. For him it was a journey from the joy and excitement of Palm Sunday when everyone was cheering Him to the horror and pain of Good Friday, when the same people wanted to crucify Him to the wonder three days later of His resurrection.

This is a time for learning more about Jesus and how what He did affects our own lives. In the Easter Services this week we reflected on what we read in the Gospels and remember that God loves us so much that he gave his only son so that our sins can be forgiven. In doing so, we should remember how to love one another, how to care for those less fortunate, how to forgive those who have us wronged.

A simple prayer for this Easter time. "Jesus help me to accept people as they are. Help me to show your love to all in the way I live my life." Amen

For Term 2, we welcome back Mr Peter Sinclair from Long Service Leave and wish Mrs Francis Scuderi, Mrs Belinda Jarvis-Dymond, Mr Ross McPhie well as they take Long Service Leave and Mrs Nicole Gilbert and Mrs Jacinta Mocko best wishes as they go on Parental Leave.

We welcome Mrs Nani Thomas (Indonesian), Ms Alexandra Rokas (VCD and Art), Ms Chistine Tzoumanis (English), Mr Scott Munro (Year 1) and Mr Joshua Dench (PE). Mr Ben Prentice will be Acting Head of Dunhelen in Mrs Scuderi's absence) and Mrs Caron Flynn, Acting Assistant Head of School - Year 7 whilst Mr Prentice takes on Head of School duties.

## Term Dates for 2016

Term 2	11 April	to	24 June
Term 3	18 July	to	16 September
Term 4	3 October	to	9 December

## Office Holiday Hours

During School Holidays office hours are: 9.00am - 4.00pm Monday to Friday.

## Mickleham Road Traffic

Please continue to voice your concerns about the increasing traffic on Mickleham Road, its impact on the local community and the need to duplicate the road. Contact the following:

Ros Spence, State Member for Yuroke:  
[ros.spence@parliament.vic.gov.au](mailto:ros.spence@parliament.vic.gov.au)

Luke Donnellan, Minister for Roads and Roads Safety:  
[luke.donnellan@parliament.vic.gov.au](mailto:luke.donnellan@parliament.vic.gov.au)

Hume Leader newspaper: [hume@leadernewspapers.com.au](mailto:hume@leadernewspapers.com.au)

VicRoads: <https://www.vicroads.vic.gov.au/contact-us/feedback-and-enquiries>

If you wish please send a copy of any communication to [admin@aitkencollege.edu.au](mailto:admin@aitkencollege.edu.au)

We still wait for the repairs to the Chapel and Performing Arts Centre stage area to be completed. The new floor has been completed and hope that the House Curtain arrives in the next few weeks.

Parents and Friends activities are ramping up. I encourage families to put together a team for the Trivia night. The new look Business Directory provides advertising for families. Families of the College can advertise their business in this directory.

I wish all families a holy Easter time and that families enjoy a safe and happy holiday.

*Mrs Josie Crisara  
Principal*

## From the Deputy Principal

**Winter Uniform:** Term 2 is time for winter uniform. Please take some time during the holiday break to check that your children have all required uniform items. In particular, please check that girls' skirts are at knee length and have them adjusted if necessary. The winter parka may be worn during Terms 2 and 3; it is worn over the College blazer and not as a replacement for the blazer.

**Pre-Service Teachers:** Aitken College works with a number of universities to offer short-term placements for tertiary students undertaking teaching courses. Our experienced teachers willingly give their time to mentor students as they prepare to enter the teaching profession. Having an extra adult in the classroom can enable more assistance to be given to individual students. The pre-service students who complete placements at Aitken always report that our students are polite and eager to learn.

*Mr Kim Forward  
Deputy Principal*

## Brookhill School Notices

As we approach the end of first term, it is time for Brookhill students to look back on the year so far, take stock of what they have achieved and set themselves goals for the term ahead.

In first term the Senior School represented itself with distinction at the House Swimming carnival. Staff were very impressed with the cooperative and friendly atmosphere and positive interaction between staff and students.

On the academic side, all Brookhill students have participated in Study Skills seminars provided by Elevate Education. This program is now well established at Aitken College; staff and students are in agreement that the work done by the presenters from Elevate has been of great benefit to all participants. Ideas raised in these seminars will be followed up at school through the lifeskills and study class program as a part of the College's commitment to improving all aspects of academic performance.

Now is an important time for goal setting, as students still have plenty of time to take steps towards achieving their goals. I would like to take this opportunity to remind Year 11 and Year 12 students of the following advice contained in the Student Elevation seminar:

- To exist, a goal must be written down. You don't have to show anyone, but you must write it down.
- You are not likely to exceed your goals; whilst setting goals is the first step in achievement, setting them too low can limit your progress. Make sure your goals are realistic, but be ambitious: if you need an ATAR of 80 to get into your course, set your goal at 85 or 86 and work towards this.
- Once you set a goal, break it down by identifying the things you must achieve along the way. An overall goal should be broken down into sub-goals; each of these can be achieved through practical tasks and activities. An overall academic goal should be de-constructed to identify marks needed on each task; this, in turn, can become completion of specific homework tasks, meetings with teachers, identification and rectification of weak areas.

*Mr David Murphy  
Head of Brookhill*

**Year 10 Camp:** This was a great success! We went to Auscamp, located in Angahook State Park in Anglesea and prepared ourselves for some hard-core camping and outdoor activities such as: hiking, canoeing, surfing and mountain bike riding. We also knew we had some challenging day-to-day living ahead; setting up tents, cooking food on the fire and bush toileting.



We were in small pods of fifteen students, one teacher and an Auscamp guide. We went on a journey; hiking several kilometres a day, doing challenging outdoor activities and then setting up camp again every evening and cooking our own meals on the camp fire.

It was quite an experience. The students and teachers faced all types of weather and were able to push through physical exhaustion; hiking up to 15km carrying a fully loaded pack. The students were fully responsible for their groups' campfire cooked meals and camp set up, which improved their teamwork and self-reliance. Hopefully, some of the students will bring that self-reliance back home and to school and use it towards their personal development and studies.

*Ms Cristy Herron & Mrs Sherry Sadler  
Camp Co-ordinators*

## VCAL News

**Duke of Edinburgh Camp:** Last week the Year 11 and Year 12 VCAL students completed their Bronze and Silver Adventurous Journey component of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award. Students travelled to Angelsea by train and mini bus. They hitched tents, carried backpacks and completed challenging activities which included long exploration hikes, bike riding, canoeing and surfing. Students also had to organise the campsite which included setting up the tents, packing up and basic cooking on tranga stoves.



The VCAL students were also recently involved in helping with the Year 3-6 Cumberland House Swimming Carnival at the Oak Park Aquatic Centre. This excursion formed part of assessment tasks required for the VCAL Learning Outcomes and coursework in Personal Development Skills and Work Related Skills.



*Mrs Jenny Lilley  
VCAL Co-ordinator*

## Dunhelen School Notices

This week the Year 9 students commenced the Start Smart program which is run by the Commonwealth Bank. The program is designed to allow students to start thinking about saving and finance. It covers topics such as; getting your first job, budgeting and spending. Thank you to Mrs Vlahopoulos for organising this.

It was wonderful to see so many parents at the Parent Teacher Interviews. These interviews provide parents with the opportunity to meet many of the teachers their children have and to have a quick discussion about progress. If you could not attend this week's interviews, there is another scheduled night on Wednesday 23 March. Booking is through the parent portal. If you require more than 5 minutes we suggest you contact the teacher to make an alternative time. Once again, I remind you, if you have any concerns about your child, the first contact should be your child's Homeroom teacher or the relevant subject teacher. Teachers will bring serious concerns to the Assistant Heads of School and myself.

Next term students should be in their winter uniforms. Please take the next few weeks to ensure that skirts are the correct length and that pants and winter shirts still fit. Students will have had some growth since last year so it is very important to ensure that all uniform items are still fitting correctly. A reminder that the winter uniform also requires students to wear the Aitken College tie.

As you may have already heard, I will be away on Long Service Leave for all of Term 2. Mr Ben Prentice will be Acting Head of School and Mrs Caron Flynn will be Acting Assistant Head of Dunhelen (Year 7). I know that they will enjoy getting to know you all.

It has been a busy but wonderful term and the students are to be congratulated on their hard work and dedication. Wishing all the Dunhelen community a relaxing and enjoyable break. Happy Easter to all!

**Mrs Francis Scuderi**  
*Head of Dunhelen*

## Cumberland School Notices

**World's Greatest Shave:** Congratulations to Tymanie Green (Year 4) for raising money for cancer research by participating in the "World's Greatest Shave" last weekend. Tymanie raised \$2,268 by being brave enough to cut her long hair off. It has been fantastic to see Tymanie taking action to raise money and help others. Her actions are a fantastic example to all students and teachers in Cumberland school.



**Year 3 City Walk Excursion:** Last Friday all of the Year 3 students attended an excursion into Melbourne's CBD to participate in a walk visiting many of Melbourne's landmarks and places of importance. It was a great day of learning that enabled students to make real life connections to what they have been learning in class. A big thanks to all of the parents who helped out on the day and to the students who were beautifully behaved and a credit to the College.

**Year 4 Swimming Lessons:** Over the past 2 weeks, students in Year 4 have been participating in an intensive swimming lesson program at Broadmeadows Swimming Pool. Participating in this program provides students with important safety skills around water. From all accounts these lessons were extremely valuable and students have learned much from being part of this program.

**End of Term 1:** Wednesday 23 March marks the end of Term 1 for students. While this Term has been short in time, it has been packed full of learning and an important time of building relationships between teachers, students and families. I would personally like to thank all families, teachers and students for their support and hard work during Term 1.

I hope the Easter holidays are a relaxing time spent with family and friends.

**Mr John Rudd**  
*Head of Cumberland*

## Fairview School Notices

**Harmony, Love and Peace:** *"If you were all alone in the universe with no one to talk to, no one with which to share the beauty of the stars, to laugh with, to touch, what would be your purpose in life? It is other life; it is love, which gives your life meaning. This is harmony. We must discover the joy of each other, the joy of challenge and the joy of growth."* Mitsugi Saotome

I am very proud how our children share this beautiful gift. To share their joy and love with each other; they have harmony! This became very evident when they displayed their eagerness to share their treasured school community with their family members. During the Fairview Open sessions, we were all very blessed to have many parents and grandparents visit the classrooms. The children were excited to share their work and school. The children's pride and confidence was evident as they engaged with their special visitors. Thank you for attending and taking the time to be part of our learning community.



**Chapel and Assembly:** It is wonderful to see many parents attending our weekly Chapel and Assembly services. This is an integral part of the College's Christian program. The attendance at our Easter service was also very pleasing and we are grateful for our community support and engagement in Fairview.

As we near Holy Week, may the love of our Lord bring you all peace and many blessings. Wishing you all a Happy Easter and safe holiday!

## Assembly Schedule: every Monday after Chapel at 9.30am

Week	Date	Year Level
1	11/4/2016	Ms Neophytou
2	18/4/2016	2R
3	25/4/2016	ANZAC Day Holiday
4	2/5/2016	2D
5	9/5/2016	1P
6	16/5/2016	1M
7	23/5/2016	PK
8	30/5/2016	PM
9	6/6/2016	PR
10	13/6/2016	Queen's Birthday Holiday
11	20/6/2016	2R

*Ms Kerrie Neophytou  
Head of Fairview*

## Careers News

We have just completed our Careers in Lifeskills sessions with the Year 12 students. During these sessions we discussed the Careers timeline for the remainder of this year and into 2017 and the importance of carrying out thorough and extensive career research about future options and pathways post Year 12. We demonstrated the use of the VTAC CourseSearch program [www.vtac.edu.au](http://www.vtac.edu.au) and the updated myfuture website [www.myfuture.edu.au](http://www.myfuture.edu.au). It is almost certain that all our current Year 12 students will move onto somewhere other than Aitken in 2017, so it is important that all possibilities are carefully considered. Many of our students will continue with further study at a university or TAFE but some will find employment, start an apprenticeship, take a 'gap year', join the Defence Force and/or undertake voluntary work. We emphasise that there is no 'one size fits all' for our students and that Careers staff are here to assist each student individually to seek a pathway for 2017 they feel positive about.

We are very keen to meet individually with our Year 12 students and have suggested that all Year 12 students come and talk to us in B21 at least once during semester 1. We are happy to see students on a "drop in" basis if we are free or students are welcome to make an appointment for a time which suits them.

**Career News 3:** This is now available and contains information about school holiday programs at the University of Melbourne, William Angliss Institute, Monash University, Kangan Institute and RMIT, studying an automotive pre apprenticeship at Kangan Institute, studying Arts at Monash University, the 2016 VCE Age and Careers Expo, the Dookie Course Information Day and much more.

The Careers Newsletter is now available via the Community Portal of MyAitken. It can be accessed by clicking on 'School Life' then 'Aitken News' and then 'Careers Newsletter'. The newsletter can be downloaded from this point.

Do not forget that Ms Gibbs and Mrs Borg are available to help students with any questions they might have about careers, courses and pathways. Please come and see us in Room B21 at the Careers Centre or telephone us on 9333 1866 or email your concerns or queries to [careers@aitkencollege.edu.au](mailto:careers@aitkencollege.edu.au).

*Mrs Clare Borg and Ms Rae Gibbs  
Careers Advisers*

## Chaplain's Corner

**Here comes Easter again!** If I was to trust all of the supermarket and bakery advertising lately, I would be led to believe that Easter starts straight after Christmas, and is all about chocolate eggs and hot cross buns; both in a growing number of varieties.

"Easter is here" I heard on one radio advertisement as I drove to school last week. I felt myself reacting strongly to the announcement "Easter isn't here yet!" I said back to the radio, "the onset of Easter is not determined by the arrival of hot cross buns to the store, it is determined by the death and resurrection of Jesus!" I know no one could hear me at the radio station, but I get frustrated by the Christian symbols being used for financial gain. The buns and eggs mark the end of Lent (the period from Ash Wednesday to midnight Easter Saturday - for some traditions Good Friday) and the arrival of new life for us all:

**The buns**, which should be eaten on Good Friday, are marked with a cross representing the death of Jesus on the cross (crucifixion), and the spices used in the buns represent the spices used to embalm a body.

**The eggs**, (which should be hollow if chocolate) should be cracked on Easter Sunday. When cracked open, the egg represents the empty tomb, as well as being a symbol of new life (as when a chicken is born).

My hope is that you can help your children understand the symbolism of the Hot Cross Buns and the Easter Eggs, and hopefully they will come to know that Easter marks the celebration of when Jesus sacrificed his life to bring each one of us back into a right relationship with God. New life for all!

May God richly bless you with the awareness of God's unconditional love for you, yes you! That is what Easter is really about; God's relationship with each and every one of us.

**Listening Skills Seminars for Parents:** Please see attached article at the end of the newsletter.

*Rev Jeanne Beale  
Chaplain*

## Humanities News

The Humanities Faculty had "Humanities Day" on Tuesday 15 March, with activities taking place around the school for students from the preparatory to the senior school. Congratulations to Derek Wells who took out the middle school 'World's Greatest Kahoot!' Younger students got dirty digging treasure out of our makeshift 'archaeology site'. Commerce students matched with playing financial strategy games, Charge Large and Payday. Guest Speaker Police Officer, James Rapa enthralled a crowd of Year 9-12 Commerce and Legal Studies students. Watch out for even more Humanities related fun at Humanities Day 2 in September.



Our Year 7 students have just completed two tasks where they immersed themselves in the real world of archaeology. Artefacts were buried in the junior playground and students had to take on the role of professional archaeologists and historians, digging them up and analysing them.



Year 8 students will be visited by History Up Close on Tuesday 22 March as part of Medieval Day. The students enjoy a full day of medieval related activities including dressing up, playing games, sword fighting, and listening to historical musical instruments.

*Mr Ben Lawless  
Head of Faculty Humanities*

## Physical Education News

**School Sports Victoria Year 7 Summer Sports Day:** The year of sports has already begun, on Friday 4 March, students from Year 7 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 were:

### Boys Cricket

Game	School	Score (runs)	Result
1	Gladstone Park Secondary College	62/1 67/3	Lost
2	Roxburgh Park Secondary College	27/4 29/2	Won

### Girls Volleyball

Game	School	Score (sets)	Result
1	Roxburgh Park Secondary College	2-0	Won
2	Gladstone Park Secondary College	1-2	Lost
3	Sirius College	0-2	Lost
4	Hume Central Secondary College	0-2	Lost

### Boys Volleyball

Game	School	Score (sets)	Result
1	Gladstone Park Secondary College	2-0	Won
2	Sirius College	0-2	Lost
3	Roxburgh Park Secondary College	2-1	Won

### Girls Softball

Game	School	Score (runs)	Result
1	Gladstone Park Secondary College	Lost by 10 runs	Lost

### Boys Tennis

Game	School	Score	Result
1	Gladstone Park Secondary College	34-16	Won

All teams participated well and enjoyed the beautiful summer's day out at sports. Congratulations to the boy's tennis team who have progressed to the Northern Metropolitan Region finals on 29 April.

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](http://www.ssv.vic.edu.au).

*Miss Gemma Crole & Mr Dean Taylor  
Acting Interschool Sports Co-ordinators*

**Year 8 Boys Cricket:** On an extremely hot and humid day, the Year 8 boys cricket failed in their bid to make it through to the Regional Finals courtesy of a disappointing first-up loss to Gladstone Park. Some pride was restored with a comfortable win over Hume Anglican Grammar, but the day was already effectively over by then.

Aitken won the toss against Gladstone Park and elected to bat. After a cautious start by Nathan Baker and Angus Welsh, runs started to flow more freely once Gladstone Park were forced to change their opening bowlers. Sundries started to add up for Gladstone Park and the infield was broken with more regularity, but Aitken College batsmen never put enough pressure on Gladstone Park fielders with quicker and harder running. Some late big hits from Daniel Scodella and Declan Harvey helped Aitken College to a total of 59-2 off 15 overs, which was respectable, but below par from what it could have been.

Daniel Jeyanathan opened the bowling for Aitken College and found some pace, and a very tight line and length off a short run up, but sadly no other Aitken College bowler could replicate this. Too often the Gladstone Park openers were allowed to pull and hook to the leg side boundary due to a short length given them; sundries were also a massive problem, with one over even containing 15 balls. The game was a no-contest very quickly and Gladstone Park passed Aitken College's 59 runs in the 7<sup>th</sup> over.

This loss meant Aitken College played off for 3<sup>rd</sup> place against Hume Anglican Grammar and in a shortened game of 10 overs per side, all players were given a chance to bowl from both sides and batting orders were reversed. Aitken College won the toss and elected to bat, amassing 47-4 in their 10 overs. Some better bowling and fielding helped Aitken College restrict Hume Anglican Grammar to 23-5 from their 10 overs.

Thanks to all of the boys for their efforts, here's to next year and trying again for Regionals.

*Mr Michael Patchell  
Cricket Coach*

**Year 5 & 6 Friday Interschool Sport:** The Year 5 and 6 Summer interschool sport competition has started very well. It is so good to see such fantastic participation, sportsmanship and team spirit from our students. There have been many notable results also. Both the girls' softball team and mixed basketball team are currently on top of the table in our district. Summer fixtures will commence again in Term 3.

Our Winter sports teams have been selected for netball, soccer, touch rugby and handball. Congratulations to those students who were selected. The Winter season will commence on the first Friday back in Term 2, against Gladstone Park here at Aitken. As always we welcome and appreciate your support at these fixtures.

Our remaining Year 5 and Year 6 students will participate in an exciting school based sport program at the College, during Term 2.

**SSV Primary Woodlands and NMR Swimming Carnivals:** Congratulations to the following students who were selected to compete in the Woodlands Division Swimming carnival: Riley Peters, Makenzie Hall, Kayla Abdi, Keisha Sadler, Thomas Crowley, Madison Adams and Sarah Johnson. Thomas, Keisha and Kayla achieved top three placings and went on to represent Aitken in The NMR Swimming carnival. Well done to these students on this fantastic achievement.

**Woodlands and NMR Tennis Tournaments:** Congratulations to Sarah Hay, Kayla Abdi, Taylan Hudaverdi and Riley Peters who competed in The Woodlands Division Tennis Competition recently. Kayla and Riley progressed through to the NMR tournament, which is a fantastic achievement for both students.

**Primary District Cross Country:** Unfortunately, due to inclement weather the District Cross Country had to be postponed until next term and will now be held on Friday 6 May.

Thank you to all students and staff for their positive involvement and contributions during Interschool sport this term.

*Mr Nigel Keegan  
Primary Sports Co-ordinator*

## Alumni News

**Class of 2014 One Year Reunion:** On Friday 19 February the Class of 2014 gathered at the College to reconnect, share stories and renew friendships. There was much excitement as the Principal, Mrs Crisara was able to host the alumni reunion for the first time in the new Food Technology Centre. Those present were very impressed by the facility, with some former students extremely envious. It is fair to say that those alumni currently undertaking courses in Hospitality were *more* than envious; with the common lament, "Ohh, it's so not fair that we didn't have this when we were here".



As always we are thrilled to hear of our students' adventures post-Aitken which can be described as interesting, diverse and challenging. Alumni are currently involved in studies or employment in the following fields: science, professional communication, nursing, aerospace engineering, legal studies, film and television, osteopathy, electrical engineering, occupational therapy, para-medicine, interior design, environmental science, business, psychology, electrical engineering, hospitality, landscaping, building and construction, international relations, early childhood studies, law, geospatial science and sound production. Most have travelled and many intend to include an exchange opportunity into their future studies. Alumni were thrilled by the attendance of the much loved former Head of Glenarthur, Mr Shelton Bond who it can be reported is in fine form.



Alumni departed the function saying, "I can't wait to see everyone in five years and the Ten Year reunion will be even better!"

With approximately 60 alumni in attendance the event was a great success and the strength of the Alumni Association continues to grow. Many thanks to all those who attended.

*Ms Rae Gibbs  
Alumni Co-ordinator*

## Grandparents Day

**Joyful reading time!** During the past week we were able to celebrate the joy of grandparents and their wonderful skill of being treasured storytellers. As part of our Library Program the Librarians invited grandparents to attend a Library lesson. All of the children were engaged and very excited with our visitors. It will now become an annual event for Year 1 students.



*Mrs Mardy Kerr  
Head of Faculty Library*

## Greenvale Community Choir - New Members Welcome

**Do you love to sing?** Even a little bit! The Greenvale Community Choir commenced 4 years ago at Aitken College. It is an adult choir which requires no audition, just a love of singing and making new friends. We sing a range of Musical theatre and popular songs. We visit nursing homes and run concerts throughout the year. Rehearsals are Wednesday at Aitken College from 7.30pm to 9.30pm (except the first Wednesday of the month). We have a most competent director. The Choir is open to any adult; not just from the Aitken Community. If you would like to discover a side of your life you may have always wished to have enjoyed, why not come along. We have about 18 regular members and we would particularly like a few more males. You may have some friends or relatives who would also enjoy this experience. Please contact Mr Chris Ward 9333 9213 at the College or by email [cward@aitkencollege.edu.au](mailto:cward@aitkencollege.edu.au).

*Mr Chris Ward  
Director of Chaplaincy & Student Services*



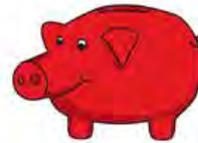
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At OSHC we encourage the children to develop their independence and extend their life skills. We offer a variety of experiences that they can participate in such as cooking. This term we have made banana choc pops, truffles, rainbow toast, pancakes and banana and honey smoothies. The children collaborate with each other and staff, follow recipes, measure, pour and mix ingredients and have fun, in a hands on activity that promotes problem solving and confidence.

The children have also been involved in assisting to serve afternoon tea and are becoming familiar with safe food handling practices and good nutrition while also gaining independence and responsibility.



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

Finder on the website to find the nearest program:  
[www.campastralia.com.au/holidayclubs](http://www.campastralia.com.au/holidayclubs)

**Reminder to all OSHC families**

Aftercare will be held in the Art room, which is located near the Chapel and Performing Arts Centre, (the building with the cow motif on the side of it), on Thursday 17th March and the last day of term Wednesday 23 March.



**Healthy Snacks**  
Afternoon tea is served daily.

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



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# Parents & Friends Association

Welcome to Term 1 - the end of it anyway! We would like to extend a warm welcome to all of our new families and students to the College and hope that your time at Aitken is enjoyable.

The Parents & Friends Association have been busy planning some exciting events and fundraisers for 2016.

**Community Business Directory:** Thank you to all businesses that have advertised in our Community Business Directory over the past years. Just a reminder that an advertisement in the Community Business Directory is for a period of one year for the bargain price of \$50.00. Please remember to renew your advertisement by the end of March.

If you have not looked recently please see the end of the newsletter or look online at [www.aitkencollege.edu.au](http://www.aitkencollege.edu.au) as there are many new and exciting advertisers. If you have any queries regarding the Business Directory, please email us at: [pandf@aitkencollege.edu.au](mailto:pandf@aitkencollege.edu.au).

**Pre-loved Uniform Sale:** Our next pre loved uniform sale is scheduled for Wednesday 23 March at 3.00pm. Come buy and grab yourself a bargain, especially for those with children who have had a growth spurt over the summer months. We have a huge array of items, particularly in senior school sizes.

Also a reminder of the fantastic new donation bin outside sick bay; please put all your unwanted uniforms in there for us to sell at our uniform sales.

**Trivia Night:** This will be held on Friday, 15 April. It is that time of the year again! Time to get together for some laughs, prizes and to put your trivia knowledge to the test. The flyer is attached and we are looking forward to another huge turnout. Whether you are purchasing one ticket or a whole table, this is a night not to be missed.

**Donations:** Throughout the year, we hold multiple events which we require donations for and we request support from our wonderful school and local community. If you are able to assist us in donating (big or small), we would love to hear from you at: [pandf@aitkencollege.edu.au](mailto:pandf@aitkencollege.edu.au)

Parents & Friends would love to hear from you! We are planning our events for next year, so if you have any questions, comments or ideas please email us at: [pandf@aitkencollege.edu.au](mailto:pandf@aitkencollege.edu.au) or comment on our Facebook page.

Have a wonderful end to Term 1 and enjoy the Easter break

*Mrs Belinda Klaric*  
*Vice President Parents & Friends Association*

# Parents & Friends Association



## Friday 15 April 2016

Doors Open 6.30pm (7.00pm start)

Held at Aitken College (Common Room 1)

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Thank you for submitting your applications.  
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Aitken College Parents & Friends Association

# Free Listening Skills Seminars for Parents

Dear School Families

The Chaplaincy Department of Aitken College is offering a series of three Listening Skills Seminars to our College community. These seminars are offered free of charge, as we know they will benefit the whole community.

The seminars are as follows:

**Seminar - Number One:**

Rapport building and Relationship development.

**Seminar - Number Two:**

Listening to ourselves and understanding what makes us do the things we do.

**Seminar - Number Three:**

Story listening; identifying the deeper meanings to the stories we tell.

*Participants would be expected to attend all three seminars.*

The **Thursday evening** seminars are planned for **21/4, 28/4 & 5/5**, from **6:30pm - 9:30pm**, and would be ideal for: parents, grandparents, senior students (Year 7 and above); it would be ideal for parents to attend with their teenagers.

The **Friday morning** seminars are planned for **29/4, 6/5 & 13/5**, from **9:00am to 12:00pm** (feel free to arrive at 8:45am to grab a cuppa), and would be ideal for those who would find it easier to attend while the children are in school (unfortunately, we cannot offer childcare for toddlers).

You can enroll for the seminars by completing the form below or by sending me an e-mail at [jbeale@aitkencollege.edu.au](mailto:jbeale@aitkencollege.edu.au). There will be a limit to numbers, so please enroll as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely

Rev. Jeanne Beale (Chaplain)



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## Listening Skills Seminars - Reply Slip

Name/s..... Contact Ph. No. ....

I/we wish to attend the **Friday morning / Thursday evening** seminars.  
(Delete as applicable)

(Please pass to Rev. Beale)