

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 2015

Thur	12 Mar	Parent Teacher Interviews (Prep-12)
Thur	26 Mar	Parent Teacher Interviews (Prep-12)
Thur	26 Mar	Term 1 concludes for students
Fri	27 Mar	Professional Learning Day (student free)
Mon	13 Apr	Term 2 commences
Mon	08 Jun	Queen's Birthday Holiday
Tue	16 Jun	Report Writing Day (student free)
Fri	26 Jun	Term 2 concludes
Mon	20 Jul	Term 3 commences
Tue	11 Aug	Parent Teacher Interviews (Prep-12)
Thu	20 Aug	Parent Teacher Interviews (Prep-12)
Fri	21 Aug	Professional Learning Day (student free)
Fri	18 Sep	Term 3 concludes
Mon	05 Oct	Term 4 commences
Mon	02 Nov	Mid Term Break
Tue	03 Nov	Melbourne Cup Day Holiday
Fri	20 Nov	Report Writing Day (student free)
Mon	07 Dec	Presentation Night (Years 3 to 12)
Wed	09 Dec	Term 4 concludes

Term Dates for 2015

Term 1	2/3 February	to	26 March
Term 2	13 April	to	26 June
Term 3	20 July	to	18 September
Term 4	5 October	to	9 December

Hot Cross Buns Fundraiser

See attached order form. Please complete and return to Accounts office by Friday, 13 March.

Trivia Night

Friday, 20 March. See attached form. Please complete and return to Accounts office by Monday, 16 March.

Thought: "Health is the greatest gift, contentment the greatest wealth, faithfulness the best relationship." Buddha

From the Principal

Decision Making: Making good decisions is a skill all educators of young people (children and teachers) work at in order to assist in development. Assessing risk and making wise choices are important. Our Life Skills program at the College in which each student from Year Prep to Year 12 participate in has a focus on providing information (educating) but also assisting with students understanding where they stand on an issue and deciding on what is right. Topics covered in the Life Skills program include age appropriate topics such as personal development, resilience, respectful relationships, health and well-being and cyberbullying. The students last week, had the opportunity to hear Susan Maclean speak on the topic of social media with a focus on what is appropriate use and what is not. The focus again was about making wise choices.

The following three questions can help assess the consequences of a decision being made:

- Is this behaviour safe for me?
- Is this behaviour fair to others?
- Is this behaviour smart and in my long-term best interests?

As young people tend to 'leap before they look', they need to be reminded to slow down and consider some of the possible consequences of their actions.

Faith Community: It is great to see the families who support our Reach Out Community (ROC) events. The Chaplaincy Department provide engaging activities with a faith component in which families can participate. Sunday worship at Aitken College has gained momentum and it was exciting to hear that the Port Phillip West Presbytery Standing committee this week formally recognises the establishment of the Aitken College Faith Community. Presbytery will be advising Synod of its recognition. A faith community is a group of people who seek to explore the implications of faith in God and gather together in order to serve the community and/or nurture one another in faith. The Faith Community at Aitken College will operate within the bounds of the College. Thank you to Rev Jeanne Beale who has been working on this over the years and to those families who continue to be a part of this exciting facet of the life of the College.

Student Achievement: Congratulation to Lauren Hilton who in April embarks on a four-city tour to the USA with the Young Australian Broadway Chorus (YABC). Lauren, a Year 10 student, has been selected to take part in the YABC's 'This is Australia Tour'. She has been with the YABC for three years and was selected for her outstanding skills in singing, dancing and drama. She joins a cast of 50 of the YABC's most talented young performers, who have performed in musical theatre shows in Melbourne at the National Theatre and in national Australian tours. A wonderful achievement.

*Mrs Josie Crisara
Principal*

From the Deputy Principal

Parent-Teacher Interviews: Parents have been emailed details about booking interviews with teachers on Thursday, 12 March and Thursday, 26 March. Please make contact with the school if you have any queries about Parent-Teacher Interviews or booking appointments.

Uniform: It has been very encouraging to see most students well dressed during this term; care and pride with appearance and uniform translates to a good attitude to school and study. With only four weeks of Term 1 remaining, it is not too early to check students' winter uniforms - shirts, ties, girls' skirts (correct length) and boys' long pants.

*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 commenced 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.

Hot Cross Buns Fundraiser: Bakers Delight Milleara Mall are assisting us with this great fundraiser. Please refer to the order form attached to newsletter.

Trivia Night: This will be held on Friday, 20 March. Please see booking form attached to newsletter.

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

Uniform and Behaviour: The year has commenced with an excellent start, with very few behaviour problems and excellent reports from teachers about students' class work and attitude. To keep up the high standards, I ask parents and students to keep the following points in mind:

- Students should be in full, correct uniform at all times. PE uniform is NEVER acceptable in regular classes; students must come to school in correct, regular uniform.
- Spray jackets do not become part of school uniform until Term 2; they should not be seen during Term 1.
- Brookhill students must not loiter in the area around the canteen. Once they have their food, they must return straight to the Senior School area. Brookhill students also must not be in the lower plaza area; this area is for Dunhelen students.

Study Skills: Year 10 and 11 students have just completed their first Study Skills seminars with presenters from Elevate Education. Research has shown effective study skills to have a significant effect on student academic achievement. I encourage parents to talk to their children about their Study Skills Seminars. You may like to ask your children to show you the workbook they completed during their seminar and explain the ideas to you.

*Mr David Murphy
Head of Brookhill*

VCAL News

The VCAL students have been very busy with planning and implementing a number of projects for Numeracy. Year 11 VCAL students will be designing and constructing several projects including a radio controlled vehicle and a 'Huffy' slider. They held a sausage sizzle recently to raise funds for the project. The senior students are currently learning about timber framing techniques by constructing 1/8 scale models of timber house frames and naming the different components. The students have been able to explore mathematics beyond its familiar and everyday use to its application outside their immediate personal environment such as at the College and at the workplace. The mathematics involved includes measurement, graphs and simple statistics, scale drawings and an understanding of the use of formulae and problem-solving strategies.



Year 12 students working on their construction projects

*Mrs Jenny Lilley
VCAL Co-ordinator*

Dunhelen School Notices

Congratulations to all the 2015 School, House, Performing Arts, Community Service and Class Captains. Our Captains have already been inducted, attended a leadership training afternoon and have also taken part in Open Day, where they did a wonderful job of showing their College to visitors. It is always wonderful to hear from our visitors how well these students conducted themselves and how beautifully they presented. I congratulate all the captains and I look forward to working with them this year.

Last week the Dunhelen students attended a presentation by Susan McLean. Susan is Australia's foremost expert in the area of cybersafety and young people. You may have seen her on television programs. Susan spoke to the students about the correct etiquette that is required when using the internet and social media sites. While confronting, Susan delivered the information with facts, statistics and research. She emphasised the point that the online world can be amazing but there are, as in all aspects of life, certain rules and expectations that should be followed, mainly being respectful and responsible. Please take the time to ask your child about the presentation and ask if there is any information that they could pass on to you. It is important that we, as adults, try to keep up with what is going on in cyberspace.

Students have now settled well into school routines and I would like to congratulate Dunhelen students on how they have commenced the year. Please remember that you, as parents, are able to access the App4 site to check homework, timetable, merits etc. Please feel free to contact your child's subject or Homeroom teacher should you have any concerns. It is a busy (and short) term and students do have a lot to complete so it is important to maintain a proper study routine; remembering, off course, that there must be a balance of work and play.

*Mrs Francis Scuderi
Head of Dunhelen*

Cumberland School Notices

Thank you to the many parents who attended the Open Afternoons and Year level picnics. These provide a wonderful time for teachers, parents and children to meet in a less formal environment. I am a strong believer that allowing opportunities to meet outside the wall of the classroom provides all stakeholders a rounded vision in understanding each other. This is paramount when trying to challenge mindset and reinforce change. Thank you.

Parent Teacher Interviews are fast approaching and are scheduled for Thursday, 12 March (4.00pm - 6.00pm) and Thursday, 26 March (4.00pm - 8.00pm). This provides an opportunity for parents to share information about your child, as well as teachers providing feedback on how students have settled into their new class and year level. Subject assessments have been completed and teachers will be providing you with a progress report. Please remember these interviews are 10 minutes and the schedules for staff are rather full. Please arrive a few minutes earlier than your scheduled appointment to ensure the meetings run on time.

The Year 3 and Year 5 gymnastics program has come to a close. I believe that all students have thoroughly enjoyed this opportunity. It has been very interesting to hear the wonderful conversations around the schoolyard about students reflecting on their experiences. The Year 4 swimming program will continue until the end of this term. Unfortunately, we needed to stop the swimming carnival last week due to an electrical storm that was brewing. The weather is something we cannot control.



The students enjoyed the opportunity of being at the carnival and in House groups. Congratulations to Brodie House for winning the 2015 Swimming Carnival.

Below are some photos from the recent open afternoon and picnics, gymnastics and swimming programs.



*Mr Ashley Penny
Head of Cumberland*

Fairview School Notices

Tolerance and Patience: What does it mean to be tolerant and patient? When I observe the children and their transition to school; so many integral factors influence their interaction. We encourage patience and tolerance to accept individual differences. They support children to become responsible for their interaction and these characteristics are key components of a community forming. What I have noticed is that we are all in a hurry and that patience is not readily accessible. I understand that our patience is directly linked to how much time we have to stop and process an event. I applaud the adults that do this so beautifully when they collect their children from school. They take the time to question and discuss events of the day and respond patiently when their child is a little confused. They take the time to discuss an event and guide their children through a process of showing empathy and understanding. It is very easy to have an opinion and not so easy to show an understanding. This is crucial in how children interact with each other. As adults it is our role to guide the children through this process of personal growth, but to also develop their interpersonal skills.

Bedtime: Young children utilise and need quite a lot of energy and concentration during their school day. It is crucial that they are provided with a healthy food diet and adequate rest and sleep. Late nights have an immediate or a delayed impact on the children; they feel lethargic and lack concentration. The Preparatory School children require a reasonable bedtime. Prep children should be in bed between 7.00pm and 7.30pm. Year 1 and Year 2 children should be in bed no later than 8.00pm. Adequate rest has a great impact on how children learn and relate to their learning environment.

Winter Uniform: All of the Prep and new parents should have organised their Winter uniform for next term. Winter uniform articles will not be available for over the counter purchases and an appointment for a fitting must be made. Summer uniform is worn in Term 1 and Term 4. The summer boys short sleeve shirt is only worn during Term 1 and 4; the boys must wear a shirt and tie during Term 2 and 3. The winter uniform is worn during Term 2 and Term 3. Please contact Schooltrenz on 9338 1334 for uniform appointments.

Teaching, Handwriting, Reading and Spelling Skills (THRASS) Information Session: The Primary School Homeroom teachers have scheduled a **THRASS** information session for Thursday, 19 March at 6.30pm in the Chapel and Performing Arts Centre. This session will provide parents with the opportunity to see and understand the process of **THRASS**. Parents will also be placed in their child's year level, to engage in an interactive workshop. (It is not appropriate for your children to attend this session).

Fairview Open House: The Fairview children and Homeroom teachers are inviting parents and grandparents to visit the classroom during the following times from 9.00am to 10.00am:

Year 1 Wednesday, 11 March 2015
Year 2 Wednesday, 18 March 2015
Year Prep Wednesday, 25 March 2015

This is a special opportunity for the children to share their work and school environment. The visitors are then invited to the Chapel and Performing Arts Centre foyer from 10.00am to 11.00am for a cup of coffee/tea and a chat with Ms Neophytou. **It will be an extremely busy morning therefore, please take care and park your vehicle in the Western carpark or the Eastern carpark (next to the gymnasium).**

We look forward to seeing you soon!

*Ms Kerrie Neophytou
Head of Fairview*

Careers News

Careers: We are currently meeting Year 12 students in their Lifeskills classes. In the first class we talk about destinations post Aitken, the careers timeline for 2015 and the VTAC process. In the second class we teach the students how to use an online tool, 'VTAC Course Search', so that they are able to explore in more detail, those courses which interest them. Year 12 students have also started to visit B21 and make appointments to discuss their pathways post secondary school, which is very pleasing.

Career News 2: This is now available and contains information about Fashion Camp at Kangan Institute, Experience La Trobe, High School Overseas Volunteer projects, Lattitude Global Volunteering, UMAT preparation courses, studying the revamped Bachelor of Health Science at Monash and at Swinburne University, a career in Radiation Therapy, Biomedical Engineering at Swinburne, the University of Melbourne Veterinary and Agricultural Sciences course information day, careers in the Defence Force and more. The following link will take you to the careers newsletter: <http://www.aitkencollege.edu.au/educational-programs/careers/careers-newsletter/>

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

*Mrs Clare Borg and Ms Rae Gibbs
Careers Advisers*

Chaplain's Corner

You are invited to consider coming to the community forum: 'Say No to Family Violence'. I have the job of Moderator for the event so it would be great to see a few familiar faces there if you can make it. (Please refer to flyer attached at end of this newsletter).

**Naysim Farah
Paper Plane
Grand Champion**



Photo: Courtesy of Mason Bijelic and Joshua Vellucci

Congratulations to Naysim Farah our paper plane Grand Champion

The next Kids ROC event is our

Easter Egg Hunt

Wednesday 18 March

5.30pm Sausage sizzle

6.15pm-7.00pm Kids ROC

This will take place in the CPA foyer and plaza areas.

Younger siblings and friends are very welcome!

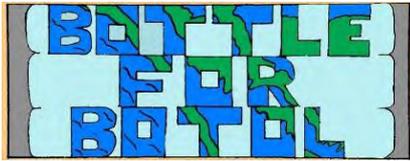


*Rev Jeanne Beale
Chaplain*

Environmental Programs

It certainly has been a busy start to the year. Our involvement with Bottle for Botol is in full swing. Aitken students worked hard to get their water bottle designs completed by the deadline. Below are the three designs that have made it through to the nation-wide finals. Now it is up to the Aitken College community to get online and vote for your favourite design. It is so easy. Just go to: <http://www.bottleforbotol.org/competition.html> and cast your vote.

Congratulations to Year 9 students, Aisan Dinh, Julian Rizzo and Caitlyn Reddoch for making it to the grand final...and GOOD LUCK! The winning design will be printed on water bottles all over Australia and Indonesia.



Aisan



Julian



Caitlyn

*Ms Cristy Herron
Head of Environmental Program*

Physical Education News

House Swimming Carnivals: The Year 10-12 House swimming carnival was completed on Tuesday in overcast conditions at St Albans Leisure Centre. Students competed in the traditional swimming events as well as water polo and volleyball.

Congratulations to the following students who were year level champions.

Year 10 Emily McPherson and Joel Lomas
Year 11 Bridget LeRoy and Bailey Reilly
Year 12 Alisha Morgan and Nathan Northby

The overall male Brookhill winner was Joel Lomas and the overall female Brookhill winner was Alisha Morgan.

Brookhill House Points	
Cameron	1,956
Millar	1,864
Clarke	1,608
Brodie	976

In comparison, it was perfect swimming weather for the Dunhelen swimming carnival on Thursday. Students participated in the traditional swimming events, volleyball and novelty races. Congratulations to the following students who were year level champions.

Year 7 Aashni Kochhlar and Antonio Cavallo
Year 8 Calista Winter and Derek Wells
Year 9 Elissa Akers and George Touma

The overall male Dunhelen winner was Antonio Cavallo and the overall female Dunhelen winner was Elissa Akers.

Dunhelen House Points	
Millar	2,240
Cameron	2,140
Brodie	2,016
Clarke	1,964

Congratulations to all the winners and people who participated. Thank you to all the staff who assisted and to the parents who came to support the students.

*Mrs Emma Dowling and Mrs Julie Wachter
House Sports Co-ordinators*

School Sports Victoria Intermediate Summer Sports Day: The year of sports has already begun. On Monday, 16 February, students from Years 9-12 represented Aitken College in School Sports Victoria Intermediate and Senior Woodlands Division. They competed against a number of different schools within the Hume City Council. The results from the day are:

Boys Cricket

Game	School	Score (runs)	Result
1	Gladstone Park Secondary College	10/21 1/22	Lost
2	Hume Central Secondary College	10/42 2/43	Won

Girls Volleyball

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

Boys Volleyball

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

Girls Softball

Game	School	Score (runs)	Result
1	Sirius College	14-5	Won

Girls Tennis

Game	School	Score (sets)	Result
1	Gladstone Park Secondary College	6-0	Won
2	Sirius College	5-1	Won

Boys Tennis

Game	School	Score (sets)	Result
1	Gladstone Park Secondary College	5-1	Won

Senior Girls Tennis

Game	School	Score (sets)	Result
1	Gladstone Park Secondary College	2-4	Lost

Senior Boys Tennis

Game	School	Score (sets)	Result
1	Gladstone Park Secondary College	6-0	Won

All teams participated well and enjoyed a fun day out at sports. Congratulations to the senior boys' tennis team who have progressed to the Northern Metropolitan Regional finals on 17 April and the Intermediate girls' softball and boys and girls tennis teams who have progressed to the Northern Metropolitan Regional finals on 21 April.

School Sports Victoria Year 8 Sports Day: On Tuesday, 3 March, students from Year 8 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:

Boys Cricket

Game	School	Score (runs)	Result
1	Gladstone Park Secondary College	4/66 8/55	Won
2	Roxburgh Park Secondary College	5/50 10/21	Won

Girls Volleyball

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

Boys Volleyball

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

Girls Softball

Game	School	Score (runs)	Result
1	Sirius Secondary College	11-2	Won
2	Gladstone Park Secondary College	2-7	Lost

Year 8 Boys Tennis

Game	School	Score (sets)	Result
1	Gladstone Park Secondary College	4-2	Won

Year 8 Girls Tennis

Game	School	Score (sets)	Result
1	Sirius Secondary College	6-0	Won
2	Gladstone Park Secondary College	6-0	Won

All teams participated well, showed great sportsmanship and enjoyed their day out at sports. Congratulations to Boys Cricket and Boys and Girls Tennis teams who will progress to the Northern Metropolitan Regionals on the following dates:

- Boys Cricket - Wednesday, 14 October
- Year 8 Boys and Girls Tennis - Friday, 1 May

School Sports Victoria Year 7 Summer Sports Day: The year of sports has already begun. On Wednesday, 25 February, 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 are:

Boys Cricket

Game	School	Score (runs)	Result
1	Gladstone Park Secondary College	10/35 7/73	Lost

Girls Volleyball

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

Boys Volleyball

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

Girls Softball

Game	School	Score (runs)	Result
1	Sirius College	14-5	Won
2	Gladstone Park Secondary College	9-8	Won

Girls Tennis

Game	School	Score (runs)	Result
1	Sirius College	6-0	Won
2	Gladstone Park Secondary College	6-0	Won

Boys Tennis

Game	School	Score (runs)	Result
1	Hume Central Secondary College	6-0	Won
2	Roxburgh Park Secondary College	6-0	Won
3	Gladstone Park Secondary College	6-0	Won

All teams participated well and enjoyed the beautiful summer's day out at sports. Congratulations to the girls' softball team and the boys and girls tennis teams who have progressed to the Northern Metropolitan Regional finals on 1 May.

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
Interscholar Sports Co-ordinator



PARENTS & FRIENDS ASSOCIATION HOT CROSS BUNS FUNDRAISER EASTER 2015



Enjoy the wonderful taste of Hot Cross Buns this Easter, while also helping to raise funds for great facilities your child can use around the school.

Bakers Delight Milleara Mall is assisting us with this great fundraiser.

To order your delicious and favourite Bakers Delight Hot Cross Buns please complete the order form below and return with your payment to the Accounts Office by Friday 13 March 2015

Remember to ask family and friends if they too would like to add to your order.

Our major fundraising project last year was to build a Half Basketball Court for student play.

HOT CROSS BUNS ORDER FORM – COST: \$7.00 per pack (six delicious Hot Cross Buns per pack)

**Completed Order Form and Full Payment must be returned
to the Accounts Office by Friday 13 March 2015**

(Hot Cross Buns will be handed out to students on Wednesday 25 March 2015)

Student's Full Name: _____ Class: _____

Parent Contact No: _____

QUANTITY:



_____ Packs: Traditional Hot Cross Buns

_____ Packs: Fruitless Hot Cross Buns

_____ Packs: Choc-Chip Hot Cross Buns

_____ Packs: Mocha Hot Cross Buns

Total number of 6-pack orders: _____ x \$7.00 per pack = \$ _____

Payment method: Cash
 Cheque (made payable to Aitken College Parents & Friends Association)
 Visa MasterCard Amex

Credit Card Number:

Expiry Date:

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Name on Card: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parents & Friends Association



Friday 20 March 2015

Doors Open 6.30pm (7.00pm start)

Held at Aitken College Gymnasium

★ **BYO Food/Drinks**

★ **Tables of 10**

★ **Tickets \$15 each
or \$140 per table**

★ **Silent Auction**

★ **Raffles, Games & more!**

Book Now! (Limited tickets available)

Email: admin@aitkencollege.edu.au

Trivia Night - Please complete and return with payment to Accounts Office by 16 March 2015

Family Name: _____ Student Name: _____ Class: _____

No. of tickets and/or table: _____ Email: _____ Telephone: _____

Cheque: \$ _____ *made payable to Aitken College Parents & Friends Association*

Cash: \$ _____

Credit Card: \$ _____ Mastercard Visa Amex

Card Number:

Expiry:

Name on card: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

PARENTS & FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

COMMUNITY BUSINESS DIRECTORY 2015 FUNDRAISER

email: admin@aitkencollege.edu.au

You still have time to purchase a space for 2015!

This is a very inexpensive way to advertise your business for a twelve month period. Aitken families (and friends) may purchase a space for \$50.00 to promote their business in the 2015 Community Business Directory. 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.

To be part of this most valuable fundraiser, please complete the attached form and return with your payment to the Accounts office as soon as possible

Current bookings include:

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

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@jprimus.com.au

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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. Frist class free.

Contact details: Marnie Petch
☎ 9338 2065 m: 0418 883 608
📧 www.the.danceroom.net E: marnienelson@bigpond.com

DENTAL

FirstBite Dental - Essendon

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Contact details: Aurora Hauth
☎ 9379 1893
📧 www.firstbite.com.au

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email: admin@aitkencollege.edu.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

📧 [Facebook- Hair4Kids – Airport West](#) E: 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 Marrero

☎ m: 0401 873 435

📧 E: hmirda@gmail.com

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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

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

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.

Contact details:

Yullia Beteramia

☎ m: 0405 380 267

📧 E: yulliabeteramia@yahoo.com

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Thank you to all the above service providers for submitting your applications.
We look forward to receiving many more from our College community.

Yours sincerely

Siobhan Short

President - Aitken College Parents & Friends Association



PARENTS & FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

COMMUNITY BUSINESS DIRECTORY 2015 FUNDRAISER

email: admin@aitkencollege.edu.au

\$50.00 PER SPACE

Please complete and return this form – with your payment to the Accounts office as soon as possible

FAMILY NAME: _____

PHONE: _____ MOBILE: _____

EMAIL: _____

BUSINESS NAME: _____

BUSINESS TYPE: _____

BUSINESS ADDRESS: _____
_____ Postcode _____

BUSINESS PHONE NUMBER: _____ BUSINESS MOBILE: _____

BUSINESS WEBSITE: _____

BUSINESS DESCRIPTION: (50 words or less)

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

CASH \$ _____

CREDIT CARD: MasterCard Visa Amex

Card Number:

Expiry Date:

\$ _____

Name on Card: _____ Signature: _____ Date: ___/___/2015



HOW TO GET STARTED

Before using our programs register online for an account. Registering is quick and easy. Visit www.campaaustralia.com.au/newparents to begin.

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Math & Science Fun at OSHC

Last fortnight we explored activities and experiments involving maths and science. We made butter from cream, investigated gravity, watched liquids become solids (gak) and had fun with maths (shapes and measurement activities). We made a shape-a-sauras, we measured with blocks, and we tested an egg's ability to float or sink in salt water (ps. it floats!). We made lots of paper planes that the children could decorate and they enjoyed the races after they were completed. We also practiced our emergency evacuation drill offering valuable input and asking lots of important questions. The children showed great co-operation and knowledge. This fortnight we will be exploring ways that we can help to take care of the environment as we will continue our sustainability program including composting our leftovers.



Save on Care

Save 50% or more on Before and After School Care with the Child Care Rebate. Almost all families are eligible. To find out more call our [Customer Service Team](http://www.campaaustralia.com.au/customer-service) on **1300 105 343**

Holiday Clubs

Don't forget about the Camp Australia Holiday Clubs these school holidays. Use the Holiday Club Finder on the website to find the nearest program: www.campaaustralia.com.au/holidayclubs

Healthy Snacks

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

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www.campaaustralia.com.au

FOOD FOR THE WEEK

Before School Care	Toast, cereal, milo, milk, fruit
After School Care	
Monday	Cheese, dry biscuits, dried fruit, sandwiches
Tuesday	Vegetables, fruit, sandwiches, rice crackers
Wednesday	Jelly, sandwiches, fruit, corn chips and salsa
Thursday	Banana smoothies, sandwiches, fruit, vegetables
Friday	Salad, sandwiches, sweet biscuits and rice cakes

REMINDERS

Dear Parents

BSC and ASC would like permission to take photos of your children engaging in activities during OSHC to display in our journal or in the school newsletter. If you wish to give permission please sign our list near the sign in/out table.

A friendly reminder that a hat is **required** to be worn in Terms 1 and 4. Please ensure your child has a hat that can be left at the service for their individual use.
No hat = no play!

PUPIL FREE DAYS

Some parents have indicated to us that they would like the service to be available to them on pupil free days. We require a minimum of 15 children to run this program. Therefore, if you are interested in this service please book your child with Camp Australia. If your child is not registered you must register online first by visiting our website www.campaaustralia.com.au. Please note CCB and the 50% rebate will apply.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Painting flowers and flower pots, caring for the environment, brainstorming activities	Gardening, planting vegetable seeds, outside play	Pastel nature drawings, outdoor playground	Banana smoothie making, scoobies, composting	Carrot tops and a nature movie

SAY NO TO FAMILY VIOLENCE



**Community Forum Organised
By Keilor East Airport West Uniting Church**

Wednesday 25th March at 7:30pm

Penleigh Essendon Grammar School

Rachelle RD Keilor East

Panel.

- M.P. Fiona Richardson
Minister for Women and the Prevention of Family Violence.
- Tim Cartwright APM
Acting Chief Commissioner Victoria Police.
- Nathan DeGuara
Manager “No To Violence Men’s Referral Service.”
- Rosie Batty
Australian of the year 2015.

Moderator -

- Rev Jean Beale Chaplain Aitken College

A donation at the Forum, to “The Luke Batty Foundation” would be appreciated.



GREENVALE FOOTBALL CLUB

LOOKING FOR NEW PLAYERS

New players are welcome at Greenvale in all age groups for the 2015 season:

Under 8s	2 teams
Under 10s	4 teams
Under 12s	4 teams
Under 14s	3 teams
Under 16s	2 teams
Under 18s	2 teams
Seniors	3 teams

Training has commenced for all age groups

If you have any queries please contact:

Bruce Kent 0419 331 975

Ken Hutchinson 0418 518 902

Joanne Stillman 0423 652 023

Visit our website www.greenvalefc.com.au for all the latest news

2 March 2015

Dear Parent/Guardian

Antipodeans Schoolies Alternative – Borneo, Thailand or Cambodia 2015 & 2016
Parent Information Evening – Thursday, 19 March 2015

Aitken College is excited to announce the launch of an Antipodeans Abroad alternative to 'Schoolies' trip to either Borneo, Thailand or Cambodia departing in December 2015 and 2016. This trip will give your child a life-changing experience upon completion of their Year 12 studies and provides a worthwhile and challenging alternative to the typical 'schoolies' experience that many students and parents are seeking. We believe this trip of a lifetime will offer a great transition from secondary school studies into further education and employment for the future.

Students who decide to take on this challenge will all participate in:

- A sustainable, hands-on community project
- Exploring the amazing sites of an unforgettable developing country
- An overseas experience like no other.

We strongly recommend you consider this opportunity for your child and find out more at our Parent Information Evening to be held on **Thursday, 19 March at 7.30pm in Common Room 1 (Senior School)** at Aitken College.

The trip is managed by student travel specialists, Antipodeans Abroad, who bring over 20 years experience in conducting high school tours and expeditions through 30+ developing countries. For further information you can visit their website at: www.antipodeans.com.au

What Students Gain

Students are actively involved in their community project under professional supervision. This encourages students to make decisions, take responsibility for their actions, and in the process, develop teamwork and leadership skills. Guided by an expert support team, students gain a true appreciation of their host country, become a 'global citizen' and of course, have the time of their lives!

I would like to invite you and your child to a presentation on this amazing opportunity where we will discuss the program, its benefits, safety and back-up, fundraising support and answer any questions you have about this unique and rewarding educational opportunity. If you are interested in attending the Parent Information Evening, please return the reply slip below or email me at: cward@aitkencollege.edu.au

If you forget to return the slip, do not fret! Please come along anyway! I look forward to seeing you there.

Yours sincerely

C. Ward

(Mr) Chris Ward
Director of Chaplaincy & Student Services

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AITKEN COLLEGE REPLY SLIP
(Please sign & return this form to Mr Ward by 16/3/15)

Yes, I will be able to attend the Antipodeans Abroad Schoolies Alternative Parent Information Evening to be held at Aitken College in Common Room 1 (Senior School building) on Thursday, 19 March, commencing at 7.30pm to 8.30pm.

Student Name: Class: Number of Guests Attending:

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