

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

over 40. 96% of all students who applied for a tertiary place have been offered a place during Round 1.

I congratulate all the students of the Class of 2007, their teachers for their professionalism and guidance and all the parents for their constant support.

NEW AND RETURNING STAFF

This year we have seven new members of staff:

Mr Daniel Blackmore
Ms Rebecca Keating
Ms Carla Shallics
Mr Richard Long
Ms Carly Doctor
Ms Kath Cozens
Mr Adam Van Langenberg

All who begin their teaching career. I wish them a long, rewarding and successful career.

We also welcome the AFL trainee - Ms Rachel Cormick and returning back to McKinnon: Ms Kate Jenkinson
Mr Haddy Nagib
Mr Andy Hart and
Mrs Katina Bowell.

I wish all staff, students and parents a wonderful 2008.

Pitsa Binnion
Principal

JUNIOR SCHOOL REPORT

EXCELLENT START TO 2008

We welcomed our new Year 7 students on Wednesday (236 students). Our staggered start, with Year 8 and 9 students not required on this day, allowed us to run a special transition program for Year 7 students. Thanks to our Student Managers, all junior school students have received their locker in the first few days of school.

Welcome back to all staff, students and parents. A special welcome to our new families.

I hope 2008 is a most rewarding year filled with many opportunities for learning and growth.

It is with tremendous pride and honour that I begin a new chapter as Principal of one of the best schools in this state.

I look forward to the wonderful opportunities ahead and give a commitment to continue to serve this community with dedication, professionalism and energy.

AUSTRALIA DAY BREAKFAST

Last Friday Mr Lawrence and I attended the Glen Eira Australia Day breakfast at the Town Hall.

Jedda Wignall (class of 2004) sang, Ms Blanka West (staff member), was the pianist and the newly appointed Mayor, Steven Tang (class of 2001) was most articulate as the Master of Ceremonies. It seemed like a McKinnon Reunion.

The highlight of the morning however was that **Damien Anthony**, Class of 2007, was awarded the Glen Eira "Young Citizen of the Year". A wonderful achievement from a most worthy recipient. I wholeheartedly congratulate and applaud the efforts of **Damien** and thank him for his tremendous service to our community and wish him every success.

CLASS OF 2007

Once again McKinnon Secondary College students performed exceptionally well in their VCE.

64 students achieved an ENTER over 90; 9 over 99. 53% achieved an ENTER above 80 and 17% of all study scores were

TERM 1

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DATES TO REMEMBER

FEBRUARY

Monday, 4

Year 12 Camp (3 days)

Tuesday, 12

School Council

Wednesday, 13

Swimming Carnival - all students

Monday, 18

Senior Round Robin Sports Day

Tuesday, 19

Year 8 Survivor

Wednesday, 20

School Photos

Thursday, 21

Year 12 Parents' Wine & Cheese Night

Monday, 25

Immunisation program

Thursday, 28

Year 7 Parent/Student Evening 5.00 to 7.00pm

**Last day for EMA
Applications
Friday
29th February 2008**

TERM DATES 2008

Term 1

29 January - 20 March

Term 2

7 April - 27 June

Term 3

14 July - 19 September

Term 4

6 October - 19 December

YEAR 7, 2009 INFORMATION EVENING

This will be held on **Monday, 3rd March**. Parents with children in Grade 6 this year should attend for information about the entry process. The ELMS Test will be held on **Saturday, 15th March (9am-11.30am)**.

CURRENT YEAR 7 PARENTS "MEET OUR TEACHERS" EVENING

Year 7 parents please note in your diary that our evening for you to meet your child's Form Teachers, Class Teacher, Student Managers and other parents is on **Thursday, 28th February**. This will commence at 5pm and conclude with cheese, savouries and coffee at 7pm.

UNIFORM

A reminder to parents that all students are expected to have two (2) McKinnon ties so that if this item of uniform is lost, a substitute is available.

All boys must wear a plain black belt each day, with both shorts and long pants.

SWIM SPORTS

I would expect **ALL** students in the Junior School to attend the House Swimming Sports on **Wednesday, 13th February**. It is the only school wide Sports Day for Term 1 and greatly enjoyed by all students, whether in a competitive event or not.

Andrew Newton
Assistant Principal
Head of Junior School

TEACHING AND LEARNING REPORT

Welcome to the 2008 school year at McKinnon. I would like to particularly welcome all parents and students who are new to the College. I hope your experiences here are most rewarding.

This year the College is continuing to reform the teaching and learning process to ensure we continue to fully develop the potential of all our students.

GET REAL

In 2008 all Year 10 students will be completing a new subject called GET REAL. This subject is a vocational and careers subject that will endeavour to improve student knowledge of opportunities and options that they can aspire to

as they progress towards VCE and beyond secondary school. This new subject is heavily ICT based and will run in the MERC.

VELS

2008 sees the full implementation of the Victorian Essential Learning Standards. This will see teachers in all subjects this year teaching and assessing domains such as thinking. Again reports will be changed slightly to accommodate these changes.

PERSONAL LEARNING GOALS

As introduced last year, all students in Year 7 to 10 will be setting goals relating to their own learning within the next month. These goals should reflect all aspects of your students school life including organisation, study skills, thinking and understanding and attitudes to learning. Parents are encouraged to discuss these goals with their students.

Andrew Chisholm
Assistant Principal
Head of Teaching & Learning

EMA — 2008

The Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) is provided to assist families with the costs associated with the education of their children. To be eligible for receipt of the EMA you must:-

- be either a parent or guardian of a primary or secondary school student up to the age of 16;
- be an eligible beneficiary of a Centrelink pension, allowance or benefit within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004 or be a Veteran Affairs Pensioner (TPI) or be a foster parent; and
- submit your application to the school by the date/s listed below.

Consequently parents/guardians are able to access the EMA if they have a current Health Care Card or Pension.

The eligibility criteria must be met as at the first day of Term 1 (29 January 2008, which is the first day for teaching staff) and Term 3 (14 July 2008).

The EMA application must be submitted to the school by **29 February 2008** for the first instalment and **1 August 2008** for the second instalment .

The EMA provides an annual amount of \$215 for primary students and \$430 for secondary students and is paid in two instalments.

Application forms for 2008 are now available from the General Office and the Bursar's Office. A new form must be completed each year.

SPORT

McKinnon Secondary College Swimming Sports Wednesday 13th February 2008

Time: 8.50 am roll call – 3.00pm approx.

Venue: Caulfield Pool, Moira Ave. Carnegie

Themes: Disney Characters

Remember to dress up and bring house banners. Fashion parade and Karaoke will be held and spot prizes given.

Attendance: Compulsory for all students at all levels.

Equipment: bathers, towel, sunscreen, hat, food and drink

Canteen: the pool canteen will operate throughout the day.

Arrangements:

Students are to make their own way to the pool and report to their form teacher at 8.50 am. After roll call students will sit in their houses on the grassed embankment. A roll will be taken after the final event and clean up at approximately 3.00pm

Emergency arrangements:

In past years unfortunate weather conditions lead to the sports being cancelled on the day, all students are reminded to have back up arrangements with their family or guardians in case this situation arises again. If the sports are cancelled the school will be notified as soon as possible from the pool and students should follow their prearranged backup procedures regarding getting home.

We invite parents and friends to come along and enjoy the colour and spectacle that is a McKinnon Sports Carnival.

Let's keep our fingers crossed for good weather!

Laura Briggs
Swimming Co-ordinator

MCKINNON UNIFORM SHOP

Normal Shop Trading Hours During Term

New Phone/fax No: 9578 2151

Hours:

Tuesdays - 8.15am to 12 noon
Fridays - 12.30pm to 4.00pm
Saturday 1st Saturday every month-
9.30am to 12 noon

Cheques **must** be made payable to
Fashion Clubwear.

YEAR 10 CENTRAL AUSTRALIA TRIP

A reminder that the full amount of \$820 must be paid by 22 February. The suggested instalment method of payment was \$280 + \$270+\$270 = \$820. However any Year 10 Student who pays the full amount by 22 February will be considered for the trip.

Pitsa Binnion
Principal

GENERAL OFFICE

Office hours are 8.15am-4.30pm
Telephone: 8520 9000

Parents should always make contact with the General Office first when visiting the school or trying to make contact with their children.

Appointments with teachers must be made via telephone.

Student absences should be reported to the school before 9am. A note including the students name, form and reason for absence should be sent to school when the student returns to school.

Sports' Club Registration Days

Highett Football Club Juniors -

Sunday, 17 February, 11.00am - 1pm.
Turner Rd Highett

Contact Kevin on 0403 244 733 for further details.

Bentleigh Junior Football Club -

Sunday, 17 February, 11.00am - 2pm
King George Oval, East Boundary Rd, East
Bentleigh

phone Ken 0417 308 846 for further details.

FOOTBALLERS WELCOME



ORMOND BLUES



Registration Night

Friday 15 February 2008

6pm to 7.30pm

We have teams from Under 9 to Under 17

We are affiliated with Ormond Amateur Football Club so we can offer a pathway to senior football through the Under 19s.

“Well run and good fun”

Register and pay on the night and you could win back the registration cost.

Bring a friend to play with Ormond this year and you could win a \$100 of phone credit or a \$100 JB voucher

Location - EE Gunn Reserve ORMOND Melway 68 E7)

For information on registration contact:

Alan Naylor (AH) 9557 5736

e-mail: alan.naylor@air.gov.au

SCHOOL IMMUNISATION PROGRAM 2008

Glen Eira City Council will conduct the following immunisation sessions at McKinnon Secondary College:

Date & Time	Year Level & Vaccine
Monday 25th February At 9.30am	<u>Year 7</u> Boys: Hepatitis B, Chickenpox Girls: Hepatitis B, Chickenpox and Gardasil <u>Year 10</u> Boys: Boostrix Girls: Boostrix and Gardasil <u>Year 9</u> Girls: Gardasil
Monday 28th April At 9.30am	<u>Year 7</u> Boys: Hepatitis B Girls: Hepatitis B and Gardasil <u>Years 9 & 10</u> Girls: Gardasil
Monday 11th August At 9.30am	<u>Years 7, 9 & 10</u> Girls: Gardasil
<p>Please note: Children will not be immunised without a fully completed and signed Consent Card. Immunisations Consent cards will be distributed on Friday, 1st February and all cards must be returned by Tuesday 12th February 2008.</p>	

Help to make the Enterprise Migrant Hostel Exhibition at the Melbourne Immigration Museum the best ever

In 2008 there is to be an exhibition at the Melbourne Immigration Museum which will tell the story of life at the Enterprise Migrant Hostel which operated in Westall Road, Springvale for almost 25 years. Many parents of this school may have come to Enterprise as children. Many will have parents for whom Enterprise was their first home.

The organisers want the exhibition to include the stories of as many of these people as possible. Through those stories people visiting the exhibition will understand what it was like to live or work at Enterprise, what services were available for people, how they felt when they first arrived and how they were helped to settle in Australia.

So far more than 50 individual people have talked about their experiences at Enterprise, either as workers or residents. Some people have contacted us from as far away as Queensland. Some people have got together as groups to talk about their experiences.

If enough stories are collected there will be several loose leaf folders which will contain all the stories that people have written – one folder for each ethnic group. So now is your chance to see yourself in print! The stories can be just a few sentences or several pages. You might like to describe a special incident that occurred, or your feelings when you arrived at Enterprise or what you were thinking about on the flight/voyage to Australia. There may be some staff member you remember well or some activity which made you very happy – or one which made you very sad.

And yes you can talk about 'the not so good things' as well as the 'good things' Your stories do not need to be typed if that is difficult for you to arrange. We will type up all hand written stories. And they certainly don't need to be in perfect English.

People have offered some very interesting memorabilia to be displayed at the Exhibition – the program for the official opening, a frypan which a woman used to cook in her flat, part of the menu off the dining room wall, an Enterprise postcard, poems which a resident wrote, photos of dances in the Hall, crockery and cutlery, children's toys that they had at Enterprise and of course lots and lots of photos. But more are still needed! So please search your cupboards and see what you can find.

People wanting to participate in this exciting project can write to Enterprise History Exhibition, c/- Springvale Neighbourhood House, Queens Ave, Springvale 3171 or Phone 9558 4163.