

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

ACTING ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Congratulations to Mr Peter Thompson who has been appointed Acting Assistant Principal Head of Senior School. Peter has been a member of the senior school for years and I know he will thoroughly enjoy both the challenges and opportunities ahead.

SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Included in this newsletter are documents about our school council elections. Nominations are being called for 5 parent representatives and 2 DEECD representatives. Anyone with any queries regarding these elections may contact me at school.

CENTRAL AUSTRALIA

Final payment is due on **22nd February**. Staff have now been finalised and include Delmar Zachest, Steve Bustin, Ray Braniska, Chris Hudd, Peter Quinn, Philipa Andrieux, Cherie Marks and Kate Sleeth.

LEADERSHIP POSITIONS

At our first school assembly we presented the 2008 senior school student leaders.

School Captains - *Caitlin Knee
Oliver Smith*

Deputy School Captains - *Denae Lekakis
Oliver Johnson*

House Captains:
Chisholm - *Maddi Begala and
Heidi Begala
David Chisholm
Kirsty Landman
Josh Ricketson
Hayley Rings
Joel Gocs
Hannah Moloney
Toby Jedwab*

Deputy House Captains:
Chisholm - *Isabelle Spaulding
Rory Cahalane
Jayde Shorter
David Newton
Georgina Dunn
Michael Farthing
Chloe Dickson
Ben Kennedy*

Music Captains:
Chisholm *Lucinda Barratt
Sacha Teh
Monica Koenig
Gus O'Mallon
Brittany Myers
James McFadyen
Sabina Sagin
Alex Mukomel*

Flynn -

Gilmore -

Monash -

I congratulate all those individuals and wish them a most enjoyable and successful 2008. I thank them in advance for their contribution and service to our school community.

**Pitsa Binnion
Principal**

Student Accident Insurance Arrangements

Our school does **NOT** provide personal accident insurance for students. Parents/guardians are generally responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including any ambulance costs. Reasonably low cost accident insurance policies are available from the commercial insurance sector.

**Andrew Newton
Assistant Principal**

SENIOR SCHOOL REPORT

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The start to the year has been pleasing, with senior students getting back into the school routine quickly. Again the school emphasise will be on feeling supported to achieve one's personal best, attitude and appearance.

YEAR 12 CAMP

Last week saw the Year 12 camp at the Phillip Island Adventure Resort. It was a very successful blend of study, time management, motivation and activities; to prepare the Year 12's for the year ahead. Thankyou to all the staff who attended for their time and efforts.

SCHOOL PHOTO DAY

Photo day is **Wednesday 20th March**. Please ensure that your child is appropriately dressed in full summer uniform. Details will be sent home prior to the day.

INFORMATION EVENINGS

The information evenings for the senior school have been set and we look forward to your attendance. It is the start of the strong partnership between staff and parents in our attempts to assist our students to achieve their personal best and to ensure that they feel comfortable at school.

Year 12 Parent Evening
Thursday 21st February 7.00 – 8.30 in MERC

Year 10 Parent Information Evening
Monday 25th February 7.15 – 8.15 in Hall

Year 11 Parent Information Evening
Tuesday 26th February 7.15 – 8.15 in Hall

A sheet will be brought home in the near future. We look forward to seeing you there.

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DATES TO REMEMBER

FEBRUARY

Monday, 18
Senior Round Robin Sports Day

Tuesday, 19
Year 8 Survivor Building & Grounds 7.30pm

Wednesday, 20
School Photos

Thursday, 21
Year 12 Parents' Wine & Cheese Night

Monday, 25
Immunisation program Year 10 Parent Information evening

Tuesday, 26
Year 7 Parent Information evening

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

VCE FORMAL

The VCE Formal is on **Thursday 6th March**. Full details of the information will be distributed in a letter.

Peter Thompson
Acting Assistant Principal
Head of Senior School

JUNIOR SCHOOL REPORT

STUDENT DIARY/ORGANISER

- * Students must take the School diary to ALL classes (except sport).
- * All **HOMEWORK, TESTS and ASSESSMENT TASK DEADLINES** must be entered in the Diary. Tests and Projects must be entered on the **DATE DUE**.
- * It is the teachers' responsibility to ensure students make the diary entry as requested.
- * The diary should be **signed each week by a parent**.

HOMEWORK

The suggested homework time per week (Year 7/8 five hours, Year 9 ten hours) is an **average** only and includes test revision and project work. However, we would expect some entries for every subject on a regular basis in the Diary (depending on amount of periods per week).

LATE FOR DEADLINES

If an Assessment Task **deadline** is not met on time, students lose one grade number [eg. 10?9 (10%)] for each school working day for up to 5 days. Parents will be informed that the work is late by the teacher placing a sticker in the Diary on the Deadline Date (or next day). The teacher will sign across the sticker to prevent undetected removal. (NB – Student excuse of computer breakdown is not acceptable.)

REDEMPTION

Teacher sends a Proforma letter to the parent which informs the parent the work is over 5 days late, is now worth **maximum grade 5** (40-50%) and must be handed to Mr. Newton within one week.

Suspension or Saturday morning detention will result if work not handed in within one week of letter being received.

Andrew Newton
Assistant Principal
Head of Junior School

TEACHING AND LEARNING REPORT

We have had a very smooth start to the year and all classes are in full swing.

SURVIVOR

The year 8 Survivor Challenge begins next week and the first groups 8B, C and D are at Braeside Park for their first task; Survivor in the Wild.

BYTES

All students have been assigned mentors and are adapting to life in the MERC. The first 9UP trip into the city is on **Monday, 3rd March**, where students will be completing a exploration trail!

GET REAL

Year 10's have all had their first lessons in the new careers pathway subject called GET REAL. Students have divided into community groups and are now investigating a range of real world vocations.

PD DAY 7TH MARCH

Our first PD day for the year is on **Friday, 7th March** and no students will be required at school on this day. Staff will be busy incorporating thinking into all curriculum as 2008 is the first year of complete VELs implementation and reporting.

Staff in many VCA's will also be revising courses to bring them into line with VCAA (Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority) changes.

BICYCLE REGISTRATION

On **Thursday, 28th February** with Caulfield Police, we will be running a free bicycle engraving session to help prevent bicycle theft. Any student can access this service on this day as long as they bring their bicycle, bicycle lock and a photocopy of a parents driver license or license number.

The license number will be engraved on the bicycle. This method has been a very successful method of deterring bike theft and recovering stolen bicycles.

Andrew Chisholm
Assistant Principal
Head of Teaching & Learning

THE PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

This year the Challenge is open to Year 7-10 students. Students read 15 books before **31st August 2008** - at least 10 of which must be from the Premier's list. The list is displayed in the library and in all Year 7 classrooms.

Students who meet the challenge receive a certificate signed by the Victorian Premier and can also have their names published in the Age newspaper.

It is a great challenge which fosters reading for enjoyment and improvement in reading skills.

Permission forms and reading record booklets are available from the library or from Mrs Meyer in Staff Room 2.

The website is www.education.vic.gov.au/prc students will be able to enrol on line when they return their permission forms to the library or Mrs Meyer.

Please encourage your child to participate.

Mrs Mary Meyer (Staff Room 2)
Mrs Kathy Papworth (Library)

YEAR 10 CENTRAL AUSTRALIA TRIP

A reminder that the full amount of \$820 must be paid by **22nd February**. Parents who provided credit card authorisation for the deposit will need to contact the school to finalise the balance. The suggested instalment method of payment was \$280 + \$270+\$270 = \$820. However any Year 10 Student who pays the full amount by 22nd February will be considered for the trip.

Pitsa Binnion
Principal

SPORT

Senior Sports Round Robin

Monday 18th February 2008

Sports include—Cricket Boys and Girls, Softball, Baseball, Volleyball Boys and Girls, Tennis Boys and Girls, Squash Boys and Girls, and Table Tennis Boys and Girls.

Intermediate Sports Round Robin

Wednesday 6th March 2008

Sports include—Cricket Boys and Girls, Softball, Baseball, Volleyball Boys and Girls and Tennis Boys and Girls.

Good Luck to all McKinnon teams

Steve Bustin

Senior/Intermediate Sports Manager

Year 7 and 8 students have all had their first Sports session for 2008.

They have been reminded to bring their hats and water bottle to each session.

Interschool competitions in Volleyball, Cricket, Softball, Baseball will occur as follows -

Yr 7	V Parkdale SC	Tuesday 19 Feb
Yr 7	V Brighton SC	Tuesday 26 Feb
Yr 7	V Bentleigh SC	Tuesday 4 Mar
Yr 8	V Brighton SC	Friday 15 Feb
Yr 8	V Bentleigh SC	Friday 22 Feb
Yr 8	V Beaumaris SC	Friday 29 Feb

On these days, students in competing teams may be required to catch a bus during their lunch hour. Teams should all return to school by approx 3.15pm. It is very important that students check the Daily Bulletin for match arrangements on these days.

Good Luck to all teams. We are looking forward to another fabulous year in Sport.
Go McKinnon!

Carole Hooper

Junior Sports Manager

International Student Home stay

I am currently updating my list of home stay families who are willing to accommodate an overseas fee paying student. Local families who are interested in providing this service are asked to contact the International Student Manager at McKinnon. Legal requirements for this include a police check for all family members over 18 years old and a Working With Children check for the primary carer.

Please contact **Stuart Baker** on 8520 9000 or bak@mckinnonsc.vic.edu.au

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.

MICROSOFT SOFTWARE FOR STUDENTS

Commander and Microsoft are offering a 60% discount off a range of MS software for students in Victorian government schools. Software includes MS Office 2007 (\$120 instead of \$300), Encarta and Vista. To take advantage of this offer, visit <https://shopping.pcsave.com.au/contracts/StudentSelect>. The username is *student* and the password is *pass*. The school number, required for ordering, is 8125.

Mark Kelly

Systems Manager

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHY COMPETITION (YEAR 7-12)

This competition will be conducted on **Tuesday, 8th April** (the second day back after the holidays). We would like to encourage all aspiring Geography students to enhance their Geographic knowledge and learning by taking part in this competition. The cost of the entry is \$2.50 which should be paid to their History or Geography teacher by **Tuesday, 26th February**. There are prizes to be won and certificates for all who enter. Students can go to the following website www.rgsq.org.au/agc.htm. to view past competition questions and answers.

Mrs. Jackson

FOOTBALLERS WELCOME



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Friday 15 February 2008
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For information on registration contact:
Alan Naylor (AH) 9557 5736
e-mail: alan.naylor@air.gov.au

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Auskick : 30th March 2008 – 9:00am to 12:00noon
Under Age Teams : 24th February 2008 – 9:00am to 12:00noon

Further details from the Registrar :
Mich Uhe : 0408 350 073

A copy of our registration form is available on our web page :
<http://www.murrumbeenjuniorsfc.org/>

ST PAUL'S McKINNON Junior Football Club

WEBSITE: www.stpaulsjfc.com.au

Registration Day 2008

Sunday, February 17th 11.00am-1.00pm
McKinnon Reserve,
Cnr McKinnon & Tucker Rds, Bentleigh

Come down and join The Mighty Demons

Under 14, 15, & 17 teams

Free Drinks and sausage sizzle
Club Jackets for all newly registered paid players
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Come along and meet the Coaches, Team Managers & Committee

New players must bring proof of age (e.g., birth certificate, passport).
Our Club Registration form and MSJFL Registration form for new players can be downloaded from our website or fill them in on Registration Day.

For more information please contact

Maggie Dawes

Mob – 0418-745-098

A local community club that is committed to bringing out the best in each player and giving everyone a fair go.



Moorabbin Rugby Union Football Club Inc.

90A Keys Road, Moorabbin, Vic., 3189
P.O. Box 75, Moorabbin, 3189
Ph. 9532-1075 ARBN: B1815225F

Junior Registration & pre-season training

- Wednesdays from 6pm – 7.30pm (U12-16)
- U18: Tuesdays & Thursdays from 6.30-8pm
- Bring a photocopy of proof of age

At the temporary venue:

Grassland adjacent to Main Carpark,
Moorabbin Airport, Second Ave, Mentone. M:87G4

For more information phone the
Junior Co-ordinator: 0413 432 966

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
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