

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

### PREMIER'S AWARDS

I received an invitation to attend the Premier's VCE Awards ceremony on Thursday, 22nd May at the Palladium at Crown. This event recognizes the top five students in each VCE study across the state.

Two students from the class of 2007 at McKinnon were recipients of these prestigious awards: **Benjamin Levin** for Geography and **Madeleine Martiniello** for Media.

Mr Chisholm and Mr Mest also attended in recognition of the major role they played as teachers in the outstanding achievements of these students.

It was a great event that made me feel very proud. Parents, grandparents, students, teachers and principals all celebrating outstanding achievements that are possible when people work together, are dedicated, disciplined and determined.

Congratulations to Ben and Madeleine. Good luck to the class of 2008.

### NAPLAN

Year 7 and Year 9 students undertook national tests in language conventions, writing, reading and numeracy. The administering of these tests has kept the Assistant Principals and other staff very busy as all tests were done in the Assembly Hall under exam conditions.

We all hope that the outcomes of the national testing include useful data for teachers to use and enhance opportunities for students.

### TASMANIA

Trekset have secured bigger buses for our Tasmania tour so that no-one needs to be balloted this year. A great relief for all concerned - **89 students** and **8 staff** head off during the last week of term for what I am sure will be a very enjoyable and memory filled tour.

### BUILDING FUTURES

Planning for our \$6million building upgrade continues and our architect is working very hard to ensure we receive value for money. We are planning a new double storey building with the top floor being a Year 7 area comprising large flexible teaching spaces; science and art areas, IT pods and some office space and the ground floor comprising a new administration area; conference room, home economics and music rooms and staff work spaces. It is an exciting project that will bring about significant improvements.

At School Council Education Sub-Committee we will present plans and schematic drawing when they are complete. Any parents wishing to attend are welcome.

### EXAMINATIONS

Julie Farthing, a Life Counsellor and Career Educator, wrote an article in the Education Supplement of The Age, on Monday 5th May.

She identified tips and strategies for students that may be useful reinforcement at this time of year when many senior students are experiencing difficulties.

She suggests students use all available resources such as teachers, friends, families and peers for assistance; support and good advice; making serious and consistent efforts to complete set tasks; maintaining a study schedule and routine; staying healthy by eating well, exercising and having sufficient sleep and keeping a balance between study, sport, socialising and external work commitments.

We know that the VCE journey can be very demanding for some but there are ways and means of reaching the destination without too much despair.

I wish all students the very best during the upcoming exams. Remember: "**success only comes before work in the dictionary.**"

### EDUCATION WEEK CELEBRATIONS

I received a letter from McKinnon Primary School thanking Mr Glen Nelson (Music Manager) and the Symphonic Wind Band for their performances at the primary school to celebrate Education Week. I thank the staff and students involved for being such wonderful ambassadors for McKinnon Secondary College.

**Pitsa Binnion**  
*Principal*

## SENIOR SCHOOL REPORT

The senior students have been well represented in recent school sports in a variety of areas. Whether it has been Senior Girls' Softball, Intermediate Boys' Tennis or the Equal Opportunity Day they have all performed and represented the college extremely well. Congratulations to all the staff and students involved.

With all this in mind, it is time to concentrate on the forthcoming tests and exams.

Student leadership within the school is an important aspect of the development of our students. We have just sent four of our Year 11 students to the Schools' Leadership Conference. We hope that the Year 11 students from the Senior School Council found the conference useful.

**Peter Thompson**  
*Acting Assistant Principal*  
*Head of Senior School*

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#### DATES TO REMEMBER

##### MAY

Friday, 30  
Beachside Cross Country

##### JUNE

Wednesday, 4  
Year 11 Exams begin  
(to 11 June)

Thursday, 5  
Year 9 Exams begin  
(2 days)

Vocal Evening

Friday, 6  
Year 8 Survivor "Chant Off"  
(Periods 3 & 4)  
Year 10 Exams begin

Monday, 9  
QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY  
PUBLIC HOLIDAY  
No students at school

Tuesday, 10  
Year 10 Exams Continue

Wednesday, 11  
Year 12 Exams Begin

Thursday, 12  
Year 12 Exams

Friday, 13  
CORRECTION DAY  
(Only Year 12 students at school.)  
Year 12 GAT Test

#### TERM DATES 2008

Term 2  
7 April - 27 June

Term 3  
14 July - 19 September

Term 4  
6 October - 19 December

## JUNIOR SCHOOL REPORT

### YEAR 7 CAMP

I enjoyed attending the first Year 7 Camp and getting to know many students new to our school this year. The activities organised by Mr McLeod and Mrs Sargent were varied, interesting and challenging. Students were very well behaved at all times.

### YEAR 7 GIRLS' TENNIS TEAM

Congratulations to all five girls in my Year 7 Tennis Team from Term 1. Last week we won the Zone Final and they will now progress to the **STATE FINAL** on 5th December. We should improve further with a weekly practice on our new school courts which will be ready shortly.

### YEAR 8 MEDIEVAL DAY

Each semester the Year 8 History students dress up in Medieval costume and listen to outside presenters about the period. Thankyou to the many parents who assisted their child to wear clothing authentic for the period. The students looked great in their costumes and learnt a lot from the talented presenters.

### YEAR 9 EXAMS

These begin on Thursday, 5th June so this weekend **ALL** Year 9 students should be revising work. An 8½ out of 10 average is required for students to do a Year 11 subject next year in Year 10.

### SCIENCE COMPETITION TODAY

Good luck to all Years 7, 8 & 9 students who do this Australia wide test today.

**Andrew Newton**  
*Assistant Principal*  
*Head of Junior School*

## MUSIC

### GLEN EIRA VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION CEREMONY

On the 15th May, the Wind Ensemble directed by Mr West and the Senior Singers, directed by Ms West performed at the Glen Eira Volunteer recognition ceremony. Thank you to all the students for a great performance.

### CHAMBER STRINGS & CLARINET QUARTET

On Sunday 18th May the Chamber Strings, directed by Mrs Berezin and the Clarinet Ensemble, directed by Mr Rea performed at Bethlehem Hospital for their 70th Birthday. They performed well in the freezing cold conditions and in front of dignitaries such as the Minister for Health and radio celebrity, Dr Feelgood. Thank you for donating your time towards a good cause.

### SYMPHONIC WIND BAND PERFORMANCE

Thank you to Mr West & Ms Rogerson and students for the wonderful performance at McKinnon Primary School during Education Week.

### SYMPHONIC WIND BAND

Good luck to the Symphonic Wind Band for this Saturday. They will be performing at Casey's Concert Band Festival. Thank you to Mr West and Ms Rogerson.

**Glen Nelson**  
*Head of Music*

## SPORT

### EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES SPORTS DAY – 12<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2008

#### Junior Boys' Netball

The group of 16 have been training since the beginning of the term to learn the finer points of the game. Both teams outplayed all opponents whilst displaying some very good skills in all their games. In mid court **James Knee** and **Raph Goldis** were big contributors. In defence **Adrian Vosk**, **James Faull** and **Justin Yarrow** worked tirelessly to shut down opponents while at the other end of the court **Rylie Houghton**, **Josh Antmann** and **Matthew Kingsford** were reliable goal scorers. A squad will now be selected to represent the school at Zone level next term.

Thanks to our student umpires and assistants, **Jess Smith** and **Alex Ball** (Year 10) and **Naomi Caffrey** and **Findlay Rayson** (Year 8). A special thanks must go to Robyn Dawson, (Alex's mum) who helped train the boys and coach them on the day.

#### **Barb Roney**

#### Intermediate Boys' Netball

The team consisted of **Sam Frost**, **Henry Kerstens**, **Tom Cowling**, **Luke Inness-Jory**, **Bill Matthews**, **Jordan Fowles**, **Dylan Hemming**, **Jack Hayes**, **Matt Nandor** and **Sam Blum**.

For many of the boys this was their first Netball tournament, and they took to the situation extremely well. The boys played a total of five games against teams from Brighton, Sandringham and Benteigh. Stand out players on the day were **Jack Hayes** (Year 9) and **Bill Matthews** (Year 10).

Well done to all the boys on a tough day of play.

#### **Pip Andrieux**

#### Senior Boys' Netball

The nine students that competed showed wonderful team spirit throughout all of their matches. Their commitment and enthusiasm assured the team won all matches quite convincingly and therefore proceed on to the next round. Special mention goes to **Joel Gocs**, **David Chisholm** and **Jack Frost** for their leadership qualities on court.

#### **Kellie Felmingham**

#### Junior Football

26 girls were all very excited and eager to play in their 'retro' football jumpers. They won their first game easily, without conceding a goal against Brighton Secondary. Next they met South Oakleigh, who did look much bigger and stronger. However again, the girls ran hard and didn't let South Oakleigh catch them! In their final round match they met Sandringham and again the girls won convincingly. Three successive wins meant that their Final would be played against Mentone Girls' Secondary. Mentone was very skilful and the toughest competition of the day. It was to the girls' credit that their persistent tackling, running the ball in numbers and desire to win, meant the game was a great tussle. Unfortunately, the girls lost by a point to Mentone Girls.

All the girls improved their football skills throughout the day, and worked terrifically as a team. Special mention to our midfield, and half back line that ran the ball well all day – **Emma Cole**, **Monika**

**Herrmann, Amy Sayce, Jane Thorton, Alice Cardwell, Alexandra Liacos, Michelle Liacos and Mischa Abram!**

**Rachel Cormick**

### **Senior Football**

A very keen bunch of Year 12 girls were ready to avenge last year's heart breaking runners up finish from last year. The first game against South Oakleigh was a very tight and tense affair with the McKinnon girls coming from behind at half time to record a close 2.2.14 to 1.1.7 victory. **Jade** and **Issy** were the crucial goal kickers, with **Sam**, **Ella** and the brutal **Chloe** other standouts. Game 2 was against a very strong Cheltenham side and unfortunately we battled to contain their fast moving play. We went down 6.4.40 to 0.0.0. Better players were **Danielle** and **Georgie** who were both rugged and tough in defence despite the odds. Sandringham proved to be a much easier contest in Game 3 with McKinnon running out easy 40 point winners, 7.4.46 to 1.0.6. Everyone contributed, with **Sam** starring with 3 goals, **Em 2**, captain **Jayde** with 1 and goal sneak **Shae** 1 as well. The last of the qualifying games was against Brighton who proved to be no match for us either. We ran out 28 point winners, managing to keep them scoreless. This was a real team performance with **Tess**, **Monica**, **Hannah** and **Sam** the goal kickers.

In the minor final we came up against a very determined Mordialloc. In a nail biting finish we had a draw with them 1.1.7. **Nina** was our goal kicker, with stars of the day **Georgie** and **Sam** continuing their dominance.

All the girls enjoyed the day and were proud of their 3<sup>rd</sup> placing. A special thank you to **Joss** and **Rory** of Year 12 for umpiring throughout the day.

**Greg Hoskin**

### **INTERMEDIATE ROUND ROBIN – WEDNESDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> MAY**

#### **Badminton**

All teams were very competitive on the day, the Boys' A team were placed 2<sup>nd</sup> and Girls' A team and both B teams ended up in 3<sup>rd</sup> place in their respective divisions. Congratulations to the following boys who participated, **Eric Lengyel, Will Leong, Sasha Batir, Wilson Luong, Bryn Plate, Sea Millo, David Shulkin** and **Stuart Anderson**. Also to the following girls who participated: **Pamela Poon, Anna Guan, Annie Joo, April Kim, Tahlia Molinaro, Moya Zhou, Kylie Ker, Jacqui Wright, Bronte Trenerry, Steffie Appadou**. Thank you to our helpers on the day **Asharna Ryder, Maddy Blair, Lauren McCutchan** and **Mischa Abram**.

Well done to all involved.

**Jade Domaille & Kerry Gill**

#### **Girls' Netball**

The A team consisting of **Alex Ball, Anika McHenry, Lindsay Anderson, Madi Robinson, Olivia Willis, Lauren Hine, Tessa Garamszegi, Maddie George, Sophie Teague** and **Georgia Sergienko** played a total of 7 matches.

The girls played exceptionally well and had a few hard fought and close matches with losses by only 1 to Parkdale and 2 to Brighton. We also had two very convincing wins against South Oakleigh and Bentleigh.

Stand out performances by **Alex Ball** of Year 10 and **Maddie George** of Year 9 were coupled with great

team effort through out the day.

Thank you to all the girls who participated, and tried their best for the entire day. Well done.

**Pip Andrieux**

### **Boys' Football**

Our 25-man squad trekked out to Bonbeach Reserve for Wednesday's Round Robin. Although being behind at half time in each of our three pool matches, we showed enormous determination and discipline to grind our way back into the contests and we went into the final undefeated. We registered wins against Brighton (21pts), Parkdale (2 pts) and Bentleigh (5 pts). In the final, although gallant in defeat, we were comprehensively outclassed by a strong Cheltenham side. All of the boys should be commended on their effort throughout the day.

Our most consistent performers for the day were **Nick Porebski, Scott Newton, Dave Gullan, Luke Inness-Jory, Albert Kuang**, and **Sam Frost**.

**Jason Reynolds**

### **Boys' Soccer**

The boys were drawn in the toughest section having to take on the two favourites in the group stage. In the first game they played really well against South Oakleigh winning that comfortably 3-0 with 2 goals from **Aki Liakos** and 1 from **Ali Hameed**. The next game was against the favourites Cheltenham and the boys went down 1-0. In the game against Parkdale **Luke Stewart** scored a wonder goal. The final score of 1-1 meant the boys were second in their group with only the winners going through. The boys played in the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> playoff and won the game on penalties.

Overall, the team played really well. Special mention should go to **Kerim, Ali** and **Chaz** who were the team's outstanding players. All the Year 9s are looking forward to some revenge next year.

**Andy Hart**

### **Girls' Soccer**

Game 1 – **Jane** scored a brilliant goal within the first 5 minutes against Bentleigh. **Jane** and **Amy** looked dangerous with their pace in attack, however Bentleigh were able to score against us on the counter attack with some very skilful goals and we went down 3-1.

In game 2 against Cheltenham we were on the bigger ground which suited our running players, **Natasha, Nikkie** and **Kaylen** much better. In the first half we were much more physical and committed in defence led by **Monika, Stacey** and **Ellen Hooper**. However we came in at half time 1-0 down. In the second half we dominated play but unfortunately we were unable to get the ball in the back of the net and went down 1-0. **Tori, Rachel** and **Kate** were fantastic in midfield, providing countless opportunities for our attackers.

Having lost our first two games we were out of finals contention and in game 3 we came up against the might of Mentone. After a shaky start we really matched the Mentone girls and were unlucky not to score in the second half after being awarded a penalty. We went down 3-0 in the end with **Julianne** doing a marvellous job in goal despite copping a whack on the nose, **Ellen Nougher** and **Sonya** also being resolute in defence.

Despite the lack of success the girls had a very

enjoyable day and thank you for your effort and commitment.

**Greg Hoskin**

### **SENIOR GIRLS' SOFTBALL STATE FINALS**

**21 MAY, 2008**

Our first match was at Jells Park, Glen Waverley, against Lyndale, which we won 13-11 in damp and dangerous conditions.

The next match was against Mildura. They looked like they would prove a good opponent, as we both had a 7 run first inning. Then we slowly pulled away and again in a tight finish we beat them 14-11.

We relaxed and had fun during our third match against Matthew Flinders. **Nicola Helps** "took out" one of their players as she tagged her at home plate, possibly breaking her ankle, which Mr. Rivett attended to. We won the match by 15-1.

McKinnon had been undefeated in their section!

Next came the Final between Epping and us. They had a great pitcher and first base player and the girls could not break through their defence in the infield. We lost to this well deserving group of students and came second in the State!

**Alex Garde** pitched almost the entire day and got 7 safe hits with 8 runs across the plate attributed to her effort. **Hannah Moloney** was our big hitter with 2 triples, 2 doubles as well as 2 singles. **Sarah Moloney** was speedy around the diamond with 7 singles, one double and 7 runs across the plate. Other stand out players were **Kirsty Landman** with 5 singles, **Nicola Helps** with 3 singles and **Caroline Brent** who got around 3 out of 3 times at bat!

Well done to all the girls who came on the day. Again it was a pleasure to be involved with such a great group of athletes as well as a fantastic group of students who helped each other encouraging players and lugging equipment from place to place without a complaint!

The benchmark has been set - the next group of softball girls coming up the ranks will have to try to beat our 2 year achievement of SECOND IN THE STATE!!

**Karen Romari**

### **MCKINNON UNIFORM SHOP**

#### **Normal Shop Trading Hours During Term**

Phone/fax No: 9578 2151

#### **Hours:**

Tuesdays - 8.15am to 12 noon  
Fridays - 12.30pm to 4.00pm

Due to the long weekend the Uniform Shop will **NOT** be open on the 1st Saturday but **WILL BE** open on the **2nd Saturday, 14th June** 9.30am-12noon.

Scarves are available for \$16.50.

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

### **AMBULANCE COVER**

Please be aware that, in the case of an emergency, the school **is not** responsible for Ambulance charges. The student may be covered by the family's Ambulance Subscription, Private Health Fund or Health Care Card. If these are not available the guardian is responsible for costs.

### **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](http://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)**

### **POLICE CALL FOR COMMUNITY LEADERS**

The Glen Eira Youth Resource Officer, Senior Constable Lisa Prince, is calling for young people in the Glen Eira community to step forward and become the 'voice for youth' in their local area.

The program designed by Victoria Police will offer four youths aged 15-16 an opportunity to engage with local police and other young applicants in Ballarat, Bacchus Marsh and Shepparton, to discuss youth issues in their communities.

This program will give four young people the confidence and skills to speak openly about the issues that affect them in their local area. By the end of this program the Police hope to have a team of young people who actively participate and contribute in community decision making.

The program will consist of three local activities to meet all participants involved in the program and will end with a three-day camp at the Douglas Donald Recreation Centre.

The selection process is really simple. Applications close on June 6, 2008 and can be picked up from the Caulfield Police Station or downloaded from [www.police.vic.gov.au](http://www.police.vic.gov.au)