

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

TERM 1
4 March 2009
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DATES TO REMEMBER

MARCH

Thursday, 5
YEAR 12 FORMAL

Friday, 6
Immunisation Program
Years 7 & 10
Year 8 Inter-school Sport

Monday, 9
LABOUR DAY PUBLIC
HOLIDAY - NO STUDENTS
AT SCHOOL

Tuesday, 10
Year 7 Inter-school Sport

Wednesday, 11
Intermediate Sport Round
Robin
Year 7 Parent Cheese & No
Wine Night

Thursday, 12
House Music Concert (pm)

Friday, 13
Year 8 Survivor

Monday, 16
Year 9 "9 up" in the city

Tuesday, 17
SCHOOL COUNCIL

Wednesday, 18
Year 9 "9 up" in the city

Thursday, 19
Year 8 Survivor

Friday, 20
Southern Zone Swim Finals

Saturday, 21
German Exchange students
leave (Years 10 & 11)

TERM DATES 2009

Term 1
2 February - 3 April

Term 2
20 April - 26 June

Term 3
13 July - 18 September

Term 4
5 October - 18 December

SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

In the last newsletter I called for nominations for parent and staff representatives on School Council.

There are four vacancies on council for parents and I am pleased to report that six parents have been nominated. These are:

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| William Confalonieri | Jenny James |
| David James | Howard Kotzen |
| Alan Limpyer | Anita Olshina |

I thank these parents for their willingness to contribute to the school in this capacity. Information about each candidate is available with this newsletter.

ELECTION PROCESS

An election will now take place and ballot papers are available from the General Office. Parents can attend the school and vote in person at the General Office between 9am and 4pm.

Alternatively, parents can phone the General Office and ask for a ballot paper to either be posted to them or be sent home with their children.

Voting remains open until **4pm on Friday, 6 March.**

STAFF REPRESENTATIVES

Five staff nominated for the two vacancies. An election for staff representatives will also take place.

SWIMMING SPORTS

A very successful carnival full of colour and sporting spirit was held on Wednesday, 18 February. The theme of 'M' provided many with the opportunity to have fun and support school house teams.

I would like to thank Mr Andy Hart for his organisation of this day, all the House Captains for engendering a great spirit of competition and the staff and students who enthusiastically participated and the Year 12s who, along with Mr Barry, organised a very successful sausage sizzle. Congratulations to Gilmore!

BUSHFIRE APPEAL

Thank you to all parents, staff and students for their generous support during the Red Cross Bushfire Appeal. Our strong sense of community, compassion and kindness were obvious during these very difficult times. \$10,881 was raised and donated.

Twenty students also represented McKinnon at the memorial service held at the Telstra Dome. Again I thank these students for their willingness to attend and for representing McKinnon with pride and honour.

Pitsa Binnion
Principal

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

EXCELLENT START TO THE YEAR

Congratulations to all students for their co-operation in getting classes away to a smooth start in 2009, despite some inconvenience with most of "A" Block out of action. Year 10 students have had to adjust to outside lockers and their patience is to be commended.

7/11 AFTER SCHOOL—3.45PM LIMIT

Students in uniform on the way home from school are still under the school's jurisdiction. Students must leave 7/11 and the park opposite by 3.45pm, if they are still in uniform. We have requested students respect the rights of customers at 7/11 and my observation is that they have responded positively.

ROAD SAFETY

With McKinnon Road being so narrow, road safety is a major issue for our school. Parents can assist by observing the following:

1. Drive very slowly and drop students off within the designated areas.
2. Provide bike riders with a helmet.
3. Advise your students to use the marked crossing at all times (even if you drop them further up McKinnon Road).
4. Do not turn into, or use, the staff car park during school times (8am-5pm).

ATTENDANCE AT THE SWIMMING SPORTS

Ninety percent of students attended this event and supported their house enthusiastically. If you provided a note and allowed your child to stay home, I would ask you to think about the message you are sending your child. In Term 3 we have the Athletics Sports and I hope all students will attend. Congratulations to Mr Hart on a very successful swimming sports.

Andrew Newton
Daily Operations & Finance

SCHOOL IMMUNISATION PROGRAM

Friday 6th March at 9.30am
Years 7 & 10

JUNIOR SCHOOL REPORT

FORM CAPTAINS FOR 2009

Students in Years 7 to 9 are currently in the process of applying for the position of Form Captain. Each class will have one boy and one girl Form Captain. Students need to collect an application from their Form Teacher and briefly explain their reasons for applying for the position and describe any previous leadership experience – in or out of school.

Successful candidates will be announced shortly, with the Year 7 Form Captains being presented at our 'Year 7 Parent Information Evening' on 11 March. Our Junior School Form Captains will perform a variety of leadership tasks throughout the year.

INFORMATION EVENINGS

Many thanks to parents for attending our recent Year 8 and Year 9 Information Evenings. Parents were informed of curriculum programs at each of these year levels, together with details of the major events scheduled for 2009. Many thanks to our Student Managers (Mrs Roney and Mr Howe – Year 8; Mrs Foxcroft and Mr Pantelios – Year 9), Mr Chisholm, Ms Darcy and Mrs Bacon for their contributions and words of advice.

A reminder to Year 7 parents that our 'Year 7 Information Evening' will be held next **Wednesday, 11 March** – commencing in the Hall at 5:00pm. This is always an enjoyable evening, providing an opportunity for parents to meet with teachers and to meet and mix socially with other Year 7 parents.

'REACH' PROGRAM (Year 9)

As advised during Mrs Bacon's address at our Year 9 Information Session last Tuesday, this interactive program will be presented to all Year 9 students on 24 and 25 March. Due to the nature of the sessions, some students can sometimes become more reflective or affected than others and may need to talk over some of the issues raised with their parents or School Personnel, in addition to the opportunities provided with the Program Facilitators. Parents with any concerns or queries about this or other student welfare-related matters are encouraged to make contact with the Student Welfare Co-ordinators Mrs Viv Bacon and Ms Liz Pentland, who can be contacted on 8520 9000.

Les McLeod
Head of Junior School

MCKINNON SECONDARY COLLEGE LIBRARY

Can't tear yourself away from your game console or MSN once you get home? Need a quiet place to study?

Why not get your homework done in the library afterschool and go home free from the hassle of doing it later.

The library stays open late after school to enable you to research, print, read, browse, study, complete homework, etc.

Library Hours:

Monday – Thursday 8.15am to 5.30pm

Friday 8.15am – 4.30pm

CABARET NIGHT

SILENT AUCTION - HELP!

This is our final fundraising event for China 09 to help send our Senior Stage Band to a Music Festival in Chengdu.

Can't make it on the night?

A great way to contribute is to donate goods for the Silent Auction. An excellent way to promote business etc. We will acknowledge all contributors. We would love to have: gift vouchers, CDs, bottles of wine/perfume, books/toys (all new), sporting equipment, signed footy jumpers, services e.g. lawns mowed, facials etc.

Please leave goods at the General Office with your details. Thank you in anticipation.

Robyn Pryor
Fundraiser Manager China 09

WELCOME TO BUXTON REAL ESTATE

This year all of our community advertising boards at the front of the school will be kindly supplied by Buxton Real Estate.

I thank them for their support and, in particular, General Manager, Andrew Chisholm. Our first board promoting the Cabaret Night will be up soon!

Thankyou Buxton!

Robyn Pryor
Fundraiser Manager China 09

HOUSE MUSIC FESTIVAL

Thursday 12 March

7pm

School Hall

Come and support your house!
Students, Parents and Friends welcome

SUCCESS STORIES

Michelle Doolan and **Himali Sondhi**, (Year 12 2008), have been awarded **Monash University Engineering Scholarships**, on the basis of their impressive VCE results. Their achievements will be recognised at a ceremony at Monash University on Thursday, 5 March. Mrs Ramona Holmes will also be in attendance.

Penny Lanyon (Year 12) and **Nikita Collins** (Year 8) will be attending the **National Calisthenics Championships** to be held in Queensland in July. Penny will represent Victoria in the top level Senior team while Nikita is a member of the Intermediate team.

Liam Temple (Year 11) recently returned from a soccer tour of Singapore and Malaysia. Liam was selected in the **Australian Bowen Soccer Academy** fifteen-man team which competed against state teams from these countries. The team were victors in the Malaysian competition and were hosted by the National Institute of Sport in Singapore.

Congratulations to all these students on the fantastic success achieved in their individual fields.

Jenny Jones
College Publicity

SPORT

SWIMMING CARNIVAL 2009

Swim sports were held on Wednesday, 18 February and we were blessed with glorious sunshine. The theme of 'M' got people's creative juices flowing with Moses, a couple of met cards and some monks. Madonna will leave a lasting impression on many people. (Check out the web site for more images). The day started on time and finished early and even allowed the students twenty minutes free swim. This will be looked at again for next year to see if this time can be increased. Again records fell and Gilmore, after many years in the wilderness, scored a magnificent victory by only eighteen points. On a victory theme the male and female staff teams smashed the students in the 50m relay taking a one nil lead into the cross country carnival and with Mr Bustin and Mr Stevenson already in training things look good for the staff.

Age group winners were:

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| UNDER 13 GIRLS | <i>Irene Lee</i> |
| UNDER 13 BOYS | <i>Jonathan Vu</i> |
| 14 YEARS GIRLS | <i>Georgia Winnell</i> |
| 14 YEARS BOYS | <i>Liam Lloyd</i> |
| 15 YEARS GIRLS | <i>Lucy Frecheville</i> |
| 15 YEARS BOYS | <i>Aaron Berkovich</i> |
| 16 YEARS GIRLS | <i>Natasha Bonanno</i> |
| 16 YEARS BOYS | <i>David Shulkin</i> |
| 17 YEARS GIRLS | <i>Melissa Ballis</i> |
| 17 YEARS BOYS | <i>Callum Gerrard</i> |
| 18+ GIRLS | <i>Nicola Sergienko</i> |
| 18+ BOYS | <i>Daniel Briggs</i> |

Good luck to all the students competing in the Beachside Carnival on Wednesday, 4 March.

Andy Hart
Carnival Coordinator

YEAR 8 RESULTS OF ROUNDS 1 & 2 BEACHSIDE DISTRICT SPORT GROUP

| WINNERS | ROUND 1 BEAUMARIS | ROUND 2 BRIGHTON |
|-------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| BOYS' TENNIS | McKinnon | McKinnon |
| GIRLS' TENNIS | No Game | McKinnon |
| BOYS' VOLLEYBALL | McKinnon | Brighton |
| GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL | No Game | McKinnon |
| BOYS' CRICKET | McKinnon | McKinnon |
| BASEBALL | McKinnon | McKinnon |
| SOFTBALL | No Game | McKinnon |

Round 3 v Bentleigh postponed until Friday, 20 March.

Round 4 v Parkdale this Friday, 6 March.

Year 7 Interschool sport has yet to commence. Please ensure your son/daughter are SUNSMART.

Carole Hooper
Junior School Sport Coordinator

SCHOOL SURF LEAGUE COMPETITION

Due to lots of student interest we recently entered a boys' and girls' team into this competition held at Sandridge Life Saving Club. Twenty students were involved and competed in eight events.

Our teams were very competitive with our best result being third in the Boys' Wade Relay. The team consisted of Open, U16 and U14 boys: Long legged- **Max Gawn, Dave Gullan, Levi How, Tom Earls, Lucas Groud, Sam Limpyer and Liam Lloyd.**

Thank you to Mr Peter Thompson for assisting us at training.

Carole Hooper and Georgina Long

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

Special Holiday Opening Times

Saturday 4 April 9.30am to 12 noon
Tuesday 7 April 11.00am to 2.00pm
Thursday 9 April 1.00pm to 4.00pm
Tuesday 14 April 10.00 to 2.00pm
Friday 17 April 10.00 to 2.00pm

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

COMMUNITY NEWS

MENTAL HEALTH EXPO AND FORUM Brighton Town Hall

Cnr. Wilson St & Carpenter St, Brighton

Wednesday 11 March

Expo and Free Sausage Sizzle 6pm

Forum 7-9pm

Keynote speaker **Dr Michael Carr-Gregg**

Admission Free

Refreshments will be served

Enquiries:

Roy Bird 9557 5856 / Margie Desmyth 9593 3543

Dr Helen McGrath

Senior Lecturer in psychology at Deakin University,
author and member of the
National Coalition Against Bullying

Monday 16 March

7.30-9.00pm

Adamson Hall

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