

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

ANNUAL REPORT

The Annual Report is now complete and will be available to all families via our website (www.mckinnonsc.vic.edu.au) from the end of June. Alternatively, a hard copy can be obtained by contacting the General Office.

All measures of accountability, mandated by the government, reflect a very positive result for McKinnon. Our students' achievements against a range of indicators reinforced that the programs and policies this college has instituted are ensuring success.

Student achievement, academic success, school connectedness and student retention are all very impressive against state-wide benchmarks.

Thank you to Mr Chisholm for completing the Annual Report and also to all the staff at the College, who ensure our core business of maximising student learning outcomes remains our key focus.

CABARET NIGHT

Thank you to all who attended the Cabaret Night last Friday. This was a most enjoyable evening with the Stage Band featuring Tessa Ramanlal. I would like to acknowledge the skills and talents of the Rhythm Section, Brass Monkeys, Soul Solution and the Swing Vocal Quartet who showcased their talents. Also McKinnon Tap Cats who were just brilliant.

I thank all parents, teachers and students who attended and supported our Senior Stage Band, who will be representing the school at the Chengdu Youth Festival in China this May. A total of \$6542.50 was raised.

Special thanks to Robyn Pryor, Ian Orr, Noel Glenister, Martin West, Carla Shallies, Megan Papworth, Blanka West, Richard Long and Michael Bates.

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Parent Teacher Interviews for VCE students and Years 7 & 8 were very well attended and these positive partnerships between parents and teachers result in the best educational outcomes for our students. Feedback at this time helps to bring about improvement where needed or alternatively reinforce best practice.

The Year 9 & 10 evening is scheduled for **Wednesday, 22 April**. I look forward to seeing parents on this evening.

WINTER UNIFORM

Next term all students are expected to be in **full winter uniform**.

Years 7- 9 students have their KEA jacket and Years 10 - 12 students can choose between a Senior School jacket or a blazer. I again thank all parents for supporting our strict uniform policy.

Pitsa Binnion
Principal

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

SCHOOL CANTEEN

Friday is by far the busiest day at the Canteen. If parents can avoid Friday being the one day for a canteen lunch, it would save your child a long wait in the queue.

SCHOOL FINANCIAL AUDIT

The external auditors gave the school a glowing report on financial procedures. I would also like to thank the vast majority of parents who either pay contributions in a lump sum or who pay quarterly contributions on time. The school finances are significantly improved by your efforts to not leave payment until the end of year.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Apologies to parents who could not obtain a school jumper from the Uniform Shop at the start of the year. They are now available. Winter uniform must be worn at the start of Term 2. Thanks to parents for sending their children to school in uniform that is correct, clean and in good condition.

EXCURSIONS

Excursions take a considerable amount of work to organise by our dedicated teachers. Recently I have noticed an increasing number of students NOT attending some excursions. Sometimes they forget to pay or do not bring permission forms on time. These students usually do yard duty all day. This is something that is to be discouraged by parents at all times. Students miss out on some of the best learning opportunities outside the classroom.

Parents should also not provide notes for students to miss sport or physical education classes unless it is absolutely necessary.

Andrew Newton
Daily Operations & Finance

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DATES TO REMEMBER

APRIL

Friday, 3

Final day of Term 1
2.30pm finish

Monday, 20

First day of Term 2

Wednesday, 22

Years 9 & 10 Parent/
Teacher Interviews
Early finish 2.30pm

Thursday, 23

Late Start 9.40am
Year 7, 2010 Information
Night 7.30pm

Monday, 27

Year 10 Outdoor Education
Camp (2 days)

Tuesday, 28

Night of the Notables
7-9pm (Hall)
Inter-school debating
Caulfield Grammar
7-9.30pm

Wednesday, 29

Year 9 "Livesmart" Session 1
Evening

Thursday, 30

School Cross Country Run
Periods 5 & 6

MAY

Friday, 1

Year 7 Immunisations

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

JUNIOR SCHOOL REPORT

JUNIOR SCHOOL COUNCIL

All classes in the Junior School have now elected their representatives for 2009. Congratulations to the following successful candidates:

YEAR 7

7A	<i>Colin Balog</i>
7B	<i>Jemo Cevik</i>
7C	<i>Lachlan Boland</i>
7D	<i>Rubab Batool</i>
7E	<i>Amy Bismire</i>
7F	<i>Mason Catanzariti</i>
7G	<i>James Hoenig</i>
7H	<i>Pamela Balk</i>
7I	<i>Ryan Dale</i>
7J	<i>Alexandra Youn</i>

YEAR 8

8A	<i>Eric Xie</i>
8B	<i>Jessica King</i>
8C	<i>James Wrethman</i>
8D	<i>Alexandra Liacos</i>
8E	<i>Eric Yan</i>
8F	<i>Kane Vittorio</i>
8G	<i>Bryce Wilson</i>
8H	<i>Anthony Bonnano</i>
8I	<i>Kate Wassel</i>
8J	<i>Julian Magor</i>

YEAR 9

9A	<i>Karan Raghav</i>
9B	<i>Alex Shanahan</i>
9C	<i>Ido Zamir</i>
9D	<i>Louis Cheung</i>
9E	<i>Alistair Ward</i>
9F	<i>Tahl Zagroon</i>
9G	<i>Rachael Iampolski</i>
9H	<i>Nakul Vohra</i>
9I	<i>Zai Rickards</i>

Our first meeting of the Junior School Council will be at lunchtime on Thursday 2nd April. I wish the Junior Council a successful year and encourage representatives to bring their ideas to our meetings and to be strong advocates in the interests of their classmates.

YEAR 8 'SURVIVOR' PROGRAM

All classes have now completed the first stage of 'Survivor' – the challenge of working in teams to design and construct a shelter from very basic materials. Much creativity and ingenuity was on display from our students as they constructed their shelters at Braeside Park. Many thanks to all the teachers that assisted on each of the days, especially to Ms Darcy for her program leadership and to Mr Braniska for his logistical skills. We are looking forward to all the other exciting 'Survivor' activities later in the year.

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Year 7 and 8 interviews were conducted last Tuesday (31st March). If parents have any issues they wish to address following the interviews, please contact the relevant Student Managers on 8520 9000. Year 9 interviews will take place on Wednesday, 22nd April (Week 1 – Term 2).

As I will be on Long Service Leave in Term 2, Mr Newton will fill the role of Head of Junior School – a role to which he is very familiar. Best wishes to all students and families for the holidays and Term 2.

Les McLeod
Head of Junior School

YEAR 9 REACH PROGRAM

Congratulations to the whole of Year 9 student body for the effort, focus and honesty that was shown during the two day Reach Program sessions, conducted here at McKinnon. The Reach Workshop is aimed at allowing students to confront the social and cultural attitudes that we see at this particular stage of adolescence. The program has been developed to use popular culture to extend messages and explore themes such as peer dynamics, self-esteem, coping, motivation, leadership and goal setting.

It was incredible to witness how positive and willing the Year 9 students were to be a part of the experience. Throughout the sessions students allowed themselves to be honest and compassionate in front of their peers and because of this shared experience it is possible to consider the year level to be more cohesive and respectful of each other.

One week since the program and the year level appears more understanding and tolerant of all the wonderful personalities with their differences these 250 students bring with them every day. The most important outcome for the Year 9 students has been to recognise that as individuals they were not alone and that so many of their peers are experiencing similar issues relating to this stage of their lives.

A special thanks to James McLaughlan, Liz Pentland, Viv Bacon, Les McLeod and all the Year 9 staff.

Mr Brett Howe & Barb Roney
Year 9 Student Managers



SUCCESS STORIES

A huge congratulations to **Luke Parker (Year 10)** who has won a **gold medal** in the Team Sprint at the **National Junior Track Cycling Championships**. The team finished in record time making Luke the Under 17 National champion and an Australian record holder!

Best wishes to **Michael Glasser (Year 9)** on his selection in the **Australian Basketball Team** to play at the **18th Maccabiah Games** in Israel in July.

Two of our Year 12s from 2008 have also been recognized for their achievements:

In August, **Genevieve Lorbergs** is off to study at the University of Central Florida. Genevieve has been awarded an academic/sporting (tennis) scholarship and will be playing Division One tennis. Genevieve then hopes to join the WTA circuit.

Hunter Morgan has been identified as an outstanding student enrolling in a science degree at Monash University. He will join fellow science students, all of whom gained an ENTER Score of over 95, at a **“Stars of Science”** celebration at Monash University (Clayton) on 1st April. Mr Peter Thompson, Head of Senior School, will join Hunter at the celebration.

Jenny Jones
College Publicity

SPORT

ZONE SWIMMING CHAMPS

The following students have qualified for the State Finals by finishing first or second in the Zone Championships. Congratulations and good luck to all swimmers.

EVENT	STUDENT	PLACE
200m Freestyle U21	Natasha Bonanno	2nd
50m Breaststroke U13	Irene Lee	1st
50m Breaststroke 15 years	Aaron Berkovich	1st
50m Breaststroke U21	Ellen Nougher	2nd
50m Backstroke U13	Irene Lee	2nd
50m Backstroke 17 years	Callum Gerrard	2nd
Medley Relay team U21	Melissa Ballis, Nicola Sergienko, James Frecheville, Natasha Bonanno	1st
Freestyle Relay 15 years	James Knee, Tom Earls, Levi How, Aaron Berkovich	2nd
Freestyle Relay 17 years	Natasha Bonanno, Ellen Nougher, Tessa Ramanlal, Jenny Chen	2nd
Diving 16 years	Ethan Watkins	2nd
Diving U21	Jane Thornton	2nd

Andy Hart
Senior School Sport Coordinator

JUNIOR SCHOOL SPORTS REPORT

A fantastic term of sport has now concluded. Congratulations to the following teams who are now the Beachside District Champions. These teams now go through to the Southern Zone finals.

SOUTHERN ZONE FINALS		
Sport	Star Coach	Date
Year 8 Baseball	Mr Reynolds	Wednesday 29 April
Year 8 Softball	Miss Domaille	Thursday 30th April
Year 8 Girls' Volleyball	Mrs Roney	Thursday 17th May
Year 7 Girls' Cricket	Mr Stubbs	Will play later in Term 4

Good luck to all these teams and to all Junior students for their Term 2 sports.

Carole Hooper
Junior School Sport Coordinator

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The Fundraising Committee would like to thank the following **BUSINESSES** for their wonderful support of the Cabaret Night:  
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Cartridge World	Centre Road, Bentleigh
Fast Frame	Centre Road, Bentleigh
The Well Manored Garden	Centre Road, Bentleigh
Bentleigh Health Foods	Centre Road, Bentleigh
Pulse Pharmacy	Centre Road, Bentleigh
Amcal Chemist	Centre Road, Bentleigh
The Grapevine	Centre Road, Bentleigh
Knights Sport	Centre Road, Bentleigh East
Ko Kong Skin & Beauty Therapies	Centre Road, Bentleigh East
Kraft Foods	

Thank you to the following families for their contributions:
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|-------------------|------------------|
| de la Mare family | Naylor family    |
| Graham family     | Neighbour family |
| Harvey family     | Porter family    |
| Hatton family     | Rabinov family   |
| Hurwitz family    | Richter family   |
| Koenig family     | Roney family     |

And also to:  
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Jill Bartholomeusz and
Deb Cowland and the Art Club

Thank you to all the families that supported us!
Robyn Pryor
Fundraiser Manager China 09
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### **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 (continued)**

#### **THE AGE VCE & CAREERS EXPO 2009**

**Friday 24 April, Saturday 25 April  
& Sunday 26 April**  
**10am to 5pm**

#### **Caulfield Racecourse**

Admission \$10.00 or \$25 for families

Valid for the three days of The Expo

(A discounted admission of \$5 per student for groups of 5 or more is available on Friday 24 April.)

Over 150 organisations providing VCE, tertiary course, career, study skills and gap year information and resources.

For more details go to [education.the.age.com.au](http://education.the.age.com.au)

### **SCHOOL IMMUNISATION PROGRAM 2009**

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

| <b>Date &amp; Time</b>                        | <b>Year Level &amp; Vaccine</b>                                               |
|-----------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Friday 1st May<br/>At 9.30am</b>           | <b><u>Year 7</u></b><br>Girls: Gardasil                                       |
| <b>Friday<br/>4th September<br/>At 9.30am</b> | <b><u>Years 7</u></b><br>Boys: Hepatitis B<br>Girls: Hepatitis B and Gardasil |

**Please note:** Children will not be immunised without a fully completed and signed Consent Card.

### **COMMUNITY NEWS**

#### **COMMUNITY CONSULTATIONS AGEING IN GLEN EIRA**

Three consultations are to take place to discuss the diverse needs of our ageing community.

Please phone Council at 9524 3333 to reserve a place.

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| Glen Eira Town Hall<br>Caulfield Cup Room<br>Cnr Glen Eira &<br>Hawthorn Rds, Caulfield | 30 April | 10am-<br>12pm |
| Boyd Room,<br>Carnegie Library<br>7 Shepparson Ave, Carnegie                            | 5 May    | 10am-<br>12pm |
| Bentleigh Senior Citizens<br>Centre<br>2 Arthur St, Bentleigh                           | 8 May    | 10am-<br>12pm |

#### **MOONGALA COMMUNITY HOUSE**

824 Centre Road East Bentleigh

Affordable adult education classes in English as a Second Language and Computers.

Playgroups, friendship groups, book club, childcare, art and film groups.

For information on any of our programs, please call Julie or Jude on 9570 3468