

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

### WELCOME BACK

Welcome back to all staff, students and parents for Term 2. I hope the term is a very productive and successful term for all.

### BUILDING FUTURES

The Tender Process closed last week and our architects have now made recommendations to the Department about their preferred company.

A final decision should be made in a few weeks and work at school should begin late May. The building process is expected to take 200 days from start date to completion.

It is a very exciting time for McKinnon Secondary College.

### BUILDING THE EDUCATION REVOLUTION

As a stimulus incentive the Rudd Commonwealth Government announced that it would build new or upgrade existing buildings in every Australian school.

Building the Education Revolution (BER) is an incredible \$14.7 billion long term investment.

One aspect of the BER is the National School Pride Program (NSP) that will provide 1.3 billion in funding across all schools for minor capital works and maintenance projects which will also help support jobs in local communities and stimulate the Australian economy.

McKinnon Secondary College has been successful in round one of the NSP program, where \$200,000 of Commonwealth funds will be provided for an extension to our school hall. Our School Council will provide a further \$100,000 of locally raised funds for the assembly hall refurbishment.

I thank the School Council for their commitment to this important project.

### CENTRAL AUSTRALIA

Congratulations and thank you to all the staff and students who participated in the 2009 Year 10 Central Australia Tour.

By all accounts it was a very successful and enjoyable trip and the children were tremendous ambassadors for McKinnon Secondary College.

I'd like to thank all the staff who attended and helped to make this trip so memorable; Mr Sargent, Mr Hudd, Ms Felmingham, Mr Pantelios, Mr Blackmore, Ms Cozens, Ms Brown and our AFL trainee, Coby Lovell.

### OPEN NIGHT

Our annual Open Night was held last week and was once again very well attended by prospective students and their parents.

It was a wonderful celebration of the work that is undertaken at McKinnon and I'd like to thank all the Learning Area Managers and other staff who attended and helped to showcase our wonderful school to the community. I'd like to also acknowledge all the students who attended and who were our greatest ambassadors. They were articulate, enthusiastic, well mannered, energetic and very happy. Thank you to all.

### ANNUAL REPORT

As I mentioned at the end of term our Annual Report is now complete and will be available to all families via our website from the end of June.

All measures of accountability reflect a very positive result for McKinnon. Student achievement, academic success, school connectedness and student retention are all very impressive against state-wide benchmarks.

Parents are invited to attend a meeting where our Annual Report will be discussed. This will be held on Tuesday, 12 May from 5.30-6.30pm in the School Conference Room.

### HEAD OF JUNIOR SCHOOL

Assistant Principal, Mr Andrew Newton will be Head of Junior School this term while Mr McLeod is on long service leave.

### THANK YOU

Thank you to our School Captains, Nick Barda and Stacey Binnion who attended the Glen Eira Anzac Day Commemorative Service and laid a wreath on Sunday, 19th April at the Caulfield Memorial Park. It is very important for our school to be represented at these events and pay our respects.

I also thank the fifteen students who accompanied Mr Thompson and myself for the very exciting announcement about the \$10million new project at the Bentleigh Community Pool.

Federal member for Hotham, Mr Simon Crean, State Member for Bentleigh, Mr Rob Hudson and many Glen Eira Councillors were present as well as other students from local schools and community members who have lobbied hard over many years for this investment. It will be a wonderful community asset.

**Pitsa Binnion**  
**Principal**

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### DATES TO REMEMBER

#### MAY

##### Friday, 1

Year 7 Immunisations

##### Monday, 4

Year 7 Camp  
(1st group leaves)

##### Wednesday, 6

Year 7 Camp  
(1st group returns)  
(2nd group leaves)  
Year 9 "Live Smart"  
(Session 2)

##### Thursday, 7

Vocal Night

##### Friday, 8

Year 7 Camp  
(2nd group returns)

##### Tuesday, 12

NAPLAN Tests Years 7 & 9  
Year 10 Outdoor Education  
Bushwalk (2 days)

### SCHOOL COUNCIL

Debating (Evening)

##### Wednesday, 13

NAPLAN Tests Years 7 & 9  
Year 9 "Live Smart"  
(Final Session.)

##### Thursday, 14

Senior Round Robin  
Sports

NAPLAN Tests Years 7 & 9

##### Wednesday, 20

Hot Mikado Opening Night

##### Thursday, 21

Hot Mikado 2nd Night

##### Friday, 22

Hot Mikado 3rd Night

##### Saturday, 23

Hot Mikado Final Night

### TERM DATES 2009

#### Term 2

20 April - 26 June

#### Term 3

13 July - 18 September

#### Term 4

5 October - 18 December

## ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

### 9UP PRESENTATIONS

This week I have been privileged to attend some excellent 9UP presentations in the Alan Lawrence Theatre. Students have researched a range of interesting and topical issues and have presented them to some very appreciative audiences. I would personally like to thank all Year 9 students for their efforts and their mentor teachers for assisting students in preparing for the presentation.

### NIGHT OF THE NOTABLES

Congratulations to the Year 7 and 8 students who put so much time and effort into their Night of the Notables performances. The costumes, displays and presentations were outstanding as they simulated to be a famous person from the past and present.

### YEAR 7 CAMP

Next week is Year 7 Camp and we wish our Year 7 students and staff all the best at Phillip Island.

Students will be completing activities that improve their relationships with other Year 7 students and staff, develop teamwork skill and promote school spirit.

### NAPLAN

On Tuesday, 12 May to Thursday 14 May all Year 7 and 9 students will be completing the compulsory NAPLAN tests. There are five tests of numeracy and literacy spread over the three days and students have been practising their narrative writing and maths in preparation for these tests.

**Andrew Chisholm**  
*Teaching & Learning*

## SENIOR SCHOOL REPORT

### WELCOME BACK

We hope that the break gave all senior students a chance to refresh themselves for the very busy term ahead.

As this term is full of assessments and exams for all senior students, can I give some timely advice?

- Take note of the points given by staff at Parent/Teacher nights late last term and last week on ways to improve results.
- Seek help and communicate affectively to teachers to clarify any areas of concern.
- Arrange help outside of class time to get that extra assistance.
- Have a consistent study timetable revising all subjects.
- Revision of all subjects with exams needs to start NOW.
- Preparation is the key to the exams.

### YEAR 10 CENTRAL AUSTRALIA TRIP / WORK EXPERIENCE

Thank you to all staff who assisted in both the Central trip and Work Experience.

The Central trip was well received by all and the students were a credit to our school.

The Work Experience students got a taste of what life outside school could entail and hopefully it has given our students some guidance to their future career choices.

### YEAR 11 TASMANIA TRIP

Students and parents should not forget the fantastic opportunity of this Year 11 trip. A reminder that all monies need to be paid to the Bursar by this week.

**Peter Thompson**  
*Head of Senior School*

## SUCCESS STORIES

A huge CONGRATULATIONS goes to Year 12 students: **Jack Frost** and **Andrew Leigh**. The boys were members of the Victorian team which won the **Australian Under 19 Men's Netball Championships** held recently in Queensland. The team also included former students: **Joel Gocs** and **Mez Clough**, and remained undefeated throughout the tournament. They defeated New South Wales in a tight final 41 to 39. Ex McKinnon student **David Chisholm** was also a member of the premiership **Victorian Under 23** team.

**Carla Absalom (Year 9)** was a prize winner in the **Youth Art Expo** held on 2nd April by Glen Eira Youth Services. Carla was awarded a First, **Highly Commended**, in the Junior Section. A fantastic effort Carla!

**Jenny Jones**  
*College Publicity*

## MUSIC

### SENIOR STAGE BAND

Congratulations on a fantastic performance at the Dizzy's Jazz Club on Tuesday night. They also have a performance at the Bentleigh Club coming up shortly, keep posted for details. Join in the fun and support the fundraising for the band's tour to China.

### INTERMEDIATE STAGE BAND

The Intermediate Stage Band has a performance this coming Sunday, 2nd May, at the McKinnon Primary School Fete at around noon. Everyone is welcome to come along and enjoy the music.

**Glen Nelson**  
*Head of Music*

### 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

**Open 1st Saturday of the month-**  
9.30am to 12 noon

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

## SPORT

### JUNIOR SCHOOL SPORTS REPORT

The new Term 2 sports have begun in earnest. All students are to continue to wear their full sports uniform with tracksuits. Rugby tops are highly recommended. For warming up, the Kea jacket can be worn. If your student plays soccer, hockey or football they are requested to purchase the new long sports socks for \$10 from the Uniform Shop.

Interscholar sports for Term 2 are Football, Netball, Boys' and Girls' Soccer and Badminton.

YEAR 7 TUESDAY PERIODS 5/6	
19 May	v Parkdale
26 May	v Brighton
2 June	v Bentleigh
16 June	Finals
YEAR 8 FRIDAY PERIODS 5/6	
1 May	v Bentleigh
8 May	v Brighton
15 May	v Parkdale
19 June	Finals

If your child does Taekwondo this term then payment is required by 8th May.

Good Luck to all Year 8 Girls' volleyball, Boys' baseball and Girls' softball who play in finals soon. Parents' support is always welcome.

Go McKinnon !!

**Carole Hooper**  
**Junior School Sport Coordinator**

### WORKSHOP FOR PARENTS OF STUDENTS WITH AN AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER

Two day workshop  
14 & 15 May 2009  
Best Western Frankston International  
389 Nepean Highway  
Frankston

The Department of Education and Workplace Relations will hold a Positive Partnerships Workshop for parents of students with an Autism Spectrum Disorder.

The workshop is free and open to parents of primary or secondary students attending mainstream or special schools. Parents who attend receive a comprehensive manual and access to ongoing support from a key local facilitator for 3 months after the workshop.

The focus of the workshop is on forming positive partnerships between school and families to improve the learning outcomes of students with an ASD.

There is also a focus on linking parents to existing support networks within their area or helping them to create a support network if there is a need.

Online registrations preferred. Please go to the website: [www.autismtraining.com.au](http://www.autismtraining.com.au)

Hotline number: 1300 881 971

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### THE BENTLEIGH CLUB 60<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

The Bentleigh Club is celebrating its 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year and the McKinnon Secondary College Senior Stage Band will be performing at a luncheon on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May, 2009. For more information and to make a reservation for the luncheon please telephone Reception at the Bentleigh Club on 9557 7938.

### ADOLESCENT GIRLS GROUP

An 8 week peer support program for girls 13-17 years

A peer support group for girls who would like to improve their mood and manage their emotions more effectively.

Every Tuesday afternoon  
beginning Tuesday 5th May 2009 at 4.30pm

332 Carlisle St  
East St Kilda 3186  
Phone 9526 1600

# HOT MIKADO

Tickets are now on sale for McKinnon's 2009 production of Hot Mikado!!! A 1940s Art Deco and Japanese influence complements this jazzy and upbeat update of the classic Gilbert and Sullivan Operetta. Our incredibly talented and dynamic cast will wow audiences in a show that promises an entertaining night out for all theatre-lovers! Audiences will be treated to a medley of musical genres promising a night of laughs and frivolity.

Tickets can now be purchased through the McKinnon Secondary College Library for performances.

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May – 8pm  
Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May – 8pm  
Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May – 8pm  
Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May – 2pm & 8pm  
Adults \$20/students \$15.

## **EMA RECIPIENTS**

Education Maintenance Allowance for semester one has now been received and allocated according to applicant's instructions. Please contact the Bursar's Office if you have any queries.

*Lee Xanthoudakis*  
**Bursar**

## **SCHOOL IMMUNISATION PROGRAM 2009**

Glen Eira City Council will conduct a Gardasil immunisation session at McKinnon Secondary College on **Friday 1st May at 9.30am** for Year 7 girls.

## **LIBRARY HOURS**

**Monday – Thursday 8.15am to 5.30pm**

**Friday 8.15am – 4.30pm**

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