

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

FAREWELL & CONGRATULATIONS

In a few weeks we farewell Mr Chisholm who takes up an appointment at the new John Monash Science School that will open in 2010. Mr Chisholm will be the Assistant Principal in charge of curriculum at the college.

His expertise in the implementation of the teaching and learning agenda will definitely be an asset to this specialist school. After twenty-three years at McKinnon this change will hopefully be professionally rewarding.

On behalf of the entire school community I wish Andrew every success for the next chapter and thank him for his tremendous service to McKinnon.

YEAR 7 CAMP

Our Year 7s have now returned from camp and I'd like to thank all staff involved in organising such a successful event, especially, Mrs Sargent and Mrs de Kretser.

Congratulations to our Year 7s on their wonderful behaviour and for being such tremendous ambassadors for our college. I am sure they all returned with wonderful stories and memories for many years to come.

NIGHT OF THE NOTABLES

What a tremendous success! Thank you to all involved and the many parents and friends who came to support our notables. The children put in a tremendous effort and demonstrated a real interest in learning about their particular notable. Leadership, energy, enthusiasm and success was very evident at this event. In particular I'd like to thank Ms Cherie Marks and Ms Erin Ferrari for their dedication and professionalism and our Junior School Captains, *Rylie Houghton* and *Kate Rhind* for being great MCs.

CROSS COUNTRY

Another very successful event organised by Mr Hart and Mr Bustin. Congratulations to all the champions who received a place but more importantly congratulations to all involved for their tremendous energy, enthusiasm and strong school spirit.

Events like this definitely bring the school together and it is a time of celebration.

The fact that the sun was shining also helped.

YEAR 9 URBAN PRESENTATION

Well done and congratulations to our Year 9s for their very impressive presentations of their urban projects.

I was most impressed by the hypothesis set, the excellent teamwork and strong partnerships evident and the very informative, articulate and entertaining presentations.

Thanks in particular to Miss Brown, Ms Doctor, Miss Duncan, Miss Felmingham, Ms Hatch, Mr Hoskin, Mr Howe, Mr Hudd, Ms Kuriata, Mr Long, Miss Lowndes, Mr Noble, Mrs Roney and Mr Zachest for their encouragement and guidance of our Year 9s.

Pitsa Binnion
Principal

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

YEAR 7 CAMP

I attended the second camp and the students appeared to "bond" well and enjoy themselves. This camp is important for students to make new friends and learn how we expect them to behave when away from the school yard.

ANZAC BADGES

Thanks to all those students, mainly in the Junior School, who sold ANZAC badges to raise funds for the RSL. Below are the names of students who contributed to this charity fundraiser and national remembrance event.

Year 7 *Sinead Watkins, Darcy Knight, Hayley Barnes, Josh Thorburn*
Year 8 *Sam Holten, Alexandra Liacos, Mia Holt, Julian Magor, James Wrethman, Angus McMillan*
Year 9 *Tori Walker, Emma Glickman, Emily Haw, Emlyn McGee, Courtney Hungerford*
Years 10-12 *Maddie Thorburn, Nimrod Eren*

STUDENT PARTICIPATION

The key to a student being happy and successful at school is participation. I have watched students keenly involved in sports' teams, the Cross Country run, the drama production rehearsals, Night of the Notables, Breakfast Club, Debating teams, Music groups, etc. I hope that in Term 1 parents showed a keen interest in all these extra-curricular activities that students participated in. If your child is not involved, perhaps a suggestion can be made to join something in Terms 2 and 3 as our wonderful staff keep offering activities for students.

"REDEMPTION TASKS"

Could I ask parents to **assist** students if they are posted a Redemption Notice. This means that the work is late and must be completed urgently.

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DATES TO REMEMBER

MAY

Wednesday, 20
Hot Mikado Opening Night
8pm

Thursday, 21
Hot Mikado 8pm

Friday, 22
Beachside Cross Country
Run
Hot Mikado 8pm

Saturday, 23
Hot Mikado 2pm &
Final Night 8pm

Monday, 25
Equal Opportunity Sports-
Netball only

JUNE

Wednesday, 3
Year 11 Exams begin
Intermediate Round Robin

Thursday, 4
Year 9 Exams begin

Friday, 5
Year 9 Exams finish

Monday, 8
Queen's Birthday Public
Holiday (No students at
school)

Tuesday, 9
Year 12 Exams start
Year 10 Exams start

Wednesday, 10
Science Competition
(Years 7-9)

Thursday, 11
Year 12 GAT Exams
Year 11 Exams end
Year 12 Exams end

Friday, 12
CORRECTION DAY

TERM DATES 2009

Term 2
20 April - 26 June

Term 3
13 July - 18 September

Term 4
5 October - 18 December

PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Thank you to parents who attended the first round of interviews. The feedback you receive is vital for further improvement. The second, and final, round of interviews is held late in Term 3.

JUNIOR SCHOOL COUNCIL

The elected students will meet next week. With Mr McLeod on leave, I will be assisting the Junior Council this term. Congratulations to all those students who were elected to represent their form group.

Andrew Newton
Daily Operations & Finance

MUSIC

VOCAL NIGHT

The vocal night was held on the 7th May and was a fantastic show case of singing and performing talent. Well done to all students involved and a big thank you to Ms West and Ms Papworth for their efforts.

Glen Nelson
Head of Music

DANDENONG FESTIVAL OF MUSIC AND ART FOR YOUTH

Year 12s have done us proud at this competition. On Wednesday, 29th April, **Sharon Mattatia** gained 2nd place in the Folksong Section of this festival singing a folksong unaccompanied which is part of her VCE external exam in October, and **Lucinda Barratt**, accompanied by **Aimee Liu**, gained 3rd Place in the Section for Light Operetta and Music Theatre singing "A Summer In Ohio" from a new musical called "The Last Five Years." Sharon also gained an Honourable Mention in this Music Theatre section which was adjudicated by Suzanne Johnston, a self-confessed music theatre lover who sang in many Opera Australia productions. This year is Dandenong Festival's final year in existence so the girls have made history in being the last recipients of these awards. The Festival has been going since 1948, but a new committee of volunteers could not be found to do the work necessary so it is folding in 2009. Well done Luci and Sharon!!

Blanka West

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SPORT

JUNIOR SCHOOL SPORTS REPORT

Congratulations to Ms Domaille and the Year 7 Girls' Softball team who have won their way through to the State Finals on Monday, 30 November at Jells Park. This Southern Zone Championship team consists of:

Samara Bowen	Ashten Crump
Sejin Gunaridis	Mashaka Gunnulson
Millicent Holten	Emma Johns
Brigitte Lanters	Alex Liacos
Fiona Makris	Kirthana Senthil
Hannah Townsend	

WINNERS OF INTERSCHOOL MATCHES		
Team	v Bentleigh	v Brighton
Football	McKinnon	McKinnon
Netball A & B	McKinnon	Brighton
Girls' Soccer	McKinnon	McKinnon
Boys' Soccer	McKinnon	Brighton
Girls' Badminton	Bentleigh	McKinnon
Boys' Badminton	McKinnon	McKinnon

Year 7 Interschool matches have been practicing hard and begin their interschool matches next week.

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

A reminder that if your child is in the A team for soccer/football then purchase of school socks is necessary. Cost is \$10 from uniform shop.

Good luck to all and "Go McKinnon"!!

Carole Hooper
Junior School Sport Coordinator

LOST PROPERTY
Please ensure all school clothes, books and personal property are clearly labelled with the student's name. Many items have not been returned to their rightful owners because they are not labelled correctly.
USBs should include a folder with the student's name and form to assist in returning it to the correct person.

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.

BUSHFIRES AT PHEASANT CREEK

To all students and staff at McKinnon Secondary College on behalf of my community and my family I wish to thank you for the \$10881 raised for the Bushfire Appeal.

In the 1970's I attended McKinnon High School for five years and have many fond memories of my time there. I now live in Pheasant Creek and was home when the bushfires came. We are very fortunate to still have our home. However, many of our friends and loved ones are no longer with us and many more have lost everything.

Now three months after that dreadful day we are still struggling to find our normal day to day lifestyle. The generosity of the Victorian and Australian people has been overwhelming and helps to level out the peaks and troughs of our emotions. Yesterday I attended my fifth funeral/memorial service for those we lost. I'm sure I speak for the community when I say that we are suffering from funeral fatigue.

On behalf of all of us thank you for your efforts and please feel welcome to come to the Kinglake Ranges and see why we love to live here.

Regards

David Johns

COMMUNITY NEWS

New Age Health Expo

Bentleigh McKinnon Youth Centre

Higgins Rd, East Bentleigh

SUNDAY 24th MAY 10am – 5pm

12 Free Workshops \$7 Entry

Call 0425 829281 or visit

www.universalinsights.com.au

THE BENTLEIGH CLUB 60TH ANNIVERSARY

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

BENTLEIGH GREENS SOCCER CLUB Under 12 Players Required

We require players born in 1997 for our Under 12 team currently playing Boys South 12 A grade league.

Training is every Tuesday and Thursday from 6:30pm to 8:15pm

301-307 Centre Dandenong Rd, Cheltenham (ph 9585 2282), Melway Ref 87 F2 (opposite Moorabbin Airport & DFO).

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Wednesday 20th May 8pm

Thursday 21st May 8pm

Friday 22nd May 8pm

Saturday 23rd May 2pm and 8pm

Tickets on sale now

At McKinnon Secondary College Library

Adults \$20 Students \$15

Music adapted and arranged by

Rob Bowman

Book and lyrics adapted by

David H. Bell

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by W.S. Gilbert and Arthur Sullivan

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