

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

**TERM 2**  
**28 May 2009**  
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### DATES TO REMEMBER

#### JUNE

**Tuesday, 2**  
**Building & Grounds**  
**Committee 7.30pm**

**Wednesday, 3**  
**Year 11 Exams begin**  
Intermediate Round Robin

**Thursday, 4**  
**Year 9 Exams (2 days)**

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

**Tuesday, 9**  
**Year 10 & 12 Exams start**

**Wednesday, 10**  
Science Competition  
(Years 7-9)

**Thursday, 11**  
**Year 12 GAT Exams**  
**Year 10, 11 & 12 Exams**  
**end**

**Friday, 12**  
**CORRECTION DAY**  
**No students at school**

**Monday, 15**  
Musical Recital (evening)

**Tuesday, 16**  
**SCHOOL COUNCIL 7.30pm**

**Wednesday, 17**  
Debating (Evening)

**Thursday, 18**  
Years 7 & 8 LOTE Day  
Years 9 & 10 Drama Night

**Monday, 22**  
Year 11 Tasmania Trip  
leaves (6 days)

**Tuesday, 23**  
Junior Music Concert  
(evening)

**Wednesday, 24**  
Year 8 Survivor "Chant Off"

**Thursday, 25**  
Zone Cross Country

**Friday, 26**  
**2.30 Finish**

### **HOT MIKADO**

Congratulations to all involved in this year's production of Hot Mikado. Many people worked tirelessly to ensure this production was a professional event. Staff, students, parents and ex-students have all worked together to ensure the event showcased talent at McKinnon and brought about a very strong sense of community.

The students involved demonstrated incredible commitment, compassion, respect and diligence and were an absolute credit to their families and our school. They have made wonderful friendships and will treasure these memories for years to come.

The calibre of creative talent was most impressive. I feel privileged to have been in the audience. I would especially like to thank and acknowledge our professional staff whose passion, enthusiasm, attention to detail and dedication was so very obvious especially: Ms Doctor, Mrs Ginsberg, Mrs West, Miss Duncan, Mr Van Landenberg, Mrs Bourke and Miss Lowndes. Thank you to all.

### **INFLUENZA (Human Swine Flu)**

As parents would be aware, there are currently a number of confirmed cases of H1N1 Influenza (Human Swine Flu) in Victoria. Appropriate measures are being taken in relation to these cases. Specific concerns from parents about this Influenza can be referred to any of the following:

- The Swine Influenza Hotline  
Telephone 1802007
- Nurse - on - call Telephone 1300 606 024  
for expert health information and advice  
(24 hours 7 days)
- Your doctor - if you have an influenza like illness (fever, cough and fatigue). The Department of Human Services is asking parents of children returning from USA, Canada, Japan, Mexico and Panama to keep their children home for seven days from the time of arrival back in Australia.

Families should continue with standard good general health hygiene practices such as regular hand washing and reminding children to cover their nose and mouth if sneezing or coughing. If your children are unwell you should seek medical attention and avoid public places and close contact with others.

### **SENIOR STAGE BAND**

A sausage sizzle has been organised at Bunnings, Moorabbin (corner Warrigal Road

and Fairchild Street, Moorabbin) this Sunday from 9.00am - 4.00pm to raise funds for the tour to China. Community support will be very much appreciated. I thank all the parents who have volunteered their time.

### **EXAMS**

Examinations begin soon for our Years 9 - 12 students. Revision of class work and undertaking practice examinations, especially for Year 12 studies, is absolutely critical. Students usually experience difficulty in their application of material and this practice is very helpful. I wish students every success during this challenging period.

*Pitsa Binnion*  
*Principal*

## ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

### **THANK YOU**

Thank you to the many parents and students who have sent their regards and best wishes about my move to the John Monash Science School.

To uproot and leave McKinnon after 23 years was certainly no easy decision but I will retain many fond memories of students taught, the staff I have worked with and many of the extra curricular events that McKinnon does so well.

I would like to wish the McKinnon Community all the best as you follow your own journey in education at McKinnon.

### **EXAMS AND END OF SEMESTER**

All students are finalising their assessments for the end of Semester 1 reports.

This time of year is always very busy and it is essential that your students get into an organised routine at home so that performance in exams particularly can be maximised.

All students in Years 9 - 12 have exams in about two weeks so there should be much activity at home as your child prepares for this period by revising, doing past papers and practising question under time pressure.

*Andrew Chisholm*  
*Teaching & Learning*

### **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.

## SENIOR SCHOOL REPORT

### JUNE

This is an extremely testing time for all students within the Senior School as there are many assessments in class but the exams begin next week. Therefore revision should be taking a big part of each students' study.

Revision can be in many forms, i.e. summary sheets and revisiting previous questions.

Forthcoming exams:

**Year 9** Thursday 4 and Friday 5  
Periods 1-4

**Year 10** Tuesday 9 and Wednesday 10  
Periods 1-4  
(With a General Maths Exam  
Periods 1 & 2 Friday 5)

**Year 11** Study day is Tuesday 2  
Exam period Wednesday 3 to  
Wednesday 10

**Year 12** Study day is Friday 5  
Exam period Tuesday 9 to Thursday 11

When students are not in an exam they can be at home revising. All morning exams begin at 8.40am.

The **GAT**, for students doing a Unit 3 & 4 subject, whether inside our college or outside, is on Thursday, 11 June. These students need to be at school by 8.30am on this day.

Good luck with all exams, we hope that the hard work throughout the semester will be rewarded.

### YEAR 10

In recent weeks we have had the Reach Program in to assist students in effective and positive relationship. Also we had a guest speaker who assisted students in study skill techniques and effective communication.

### YEAR 11

**Maddie Thorburn** and **Etienne Bramwells** proudly represented the College at the Rotary MUNA events, where they simulated the United Nations in discussing global issues affecting the world of today. Congratulations on your efforts.

### YEAR 12

Tommy Hafey spoke to our students to motivate and inspire them before these important assessments and exams. He gave great advice on always trying your best and the 4 D's - desire, dedication, determination and discipline.

### SENIOR SCHOOL COUNCIL

The Senior School Council spoke at assembly in its commitment to our community by holding a Food Drive to supply items for the Ardoch Youth Foundation's Open Pantry which supports families and young people in need. Currently they are in need of pasta, pasta sauces, canned vegetable, canned tuna and meal kits.

They can be donated to the box outside Mr Thompson's office.

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

## SPORT

### CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL

The Cross Country carnival took place on 30<sup>th</sup> April. Concerns about the weather were dispelled by a glorious autumn day of sun, little wind and a perfect condition under foot.

In keeping with tradition, football codes were the theme and students were dressed in traditional footy jumpers and scarves and soccer jerseys from all over the globe. The races started on time and numbers this year were very high. There were some outstanding times and performances from students and staff. The House competition was again very close. This year, Flynn were the victors by 21 points over Monash, with Gilmore in 3<sup>rd</sup> and Chisholm again coming 4<sup>th</sup>. Well done to all competitors in Flynn.

The top 15 students in each age group represented the college in the Beachside Cross Country competition. Thirty-six students have qualified for the Southern Zone Round.

Individual podium places where as follows:

AGE GROUP	BOYS	GIRLS
U/13	<b>Nick Parkinson</b> <b>Marcus La Greca</b> <b>James Landman</b>	<b>Alexandra Liacos</b> <b>Jemo Cevik</b> <b>Ashleigh Haw</b>
14	<b>Marcus Maier</b> <b>Connor Scott</b> <b>Peter Whalan</b>	<b>Sejin Gunaridis</b> <b>Jayde</b> <b>Gebbie-Mullan</b> <b>Amelia Bannister</b>
15	<b>Patrick Walker</b> <b>Austin Deneys</b> <b>Peter Fotopoulos</b>	<b>Emma Cole</b> <b>Judith Rees</b> <b>Julia Kroumer</b>
16	<b>Brendan Dawes</b> <b>Chris Shepherd</b> <b>David Shulkin</b>	<b>Alex Ball</b> <b>Jane Thornton</b> <b>Natasha Bonanno</b>
17+	<b>Ryan Morris</b> <b>Orrin Shaw</b> <b>Jordan Stout</b>	<b>Louise Clohesy</b> <b>Jess Jacobs</b> <b>Rachel Cole</b>

### SENIOR SPORT ROUND ROBIN 2

Senior Sport Round Robin took place on Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> May with some great individual and team performances from McKinnon students. A big thanks to all the coaches for their time and effort.

Event	Coach	Place
Boys' Hockey	Mrs Hooper	1st
Boys' Soccer	Mr Bustin	1st
Boys' Squash	Mr Reynolds	1st
Girls' Badminton	Mrs Brown	1st
Boys' Badminton	Mrs Brown	2nd
Girls' Hockey	Mr Blackmore	3rd
Boys' Footy	Mr Hudd	3rd
Girls' Netball	Mrs Hunter	4th
Girls' Soccer	Mr Hoskin	6th

A huge thanks to Mrs Hooper for convening the squash and also many thanks to Mr Bustin and Mr Blackmore for convening and coaching. Good luck to Hockey, Soccer, Squash and Badminton in the next round

**Andy Hart**  
Senior School Sport Coordinator

### JUNIOR SCHOOL SPORTS REPORT

The Year 7 football squad were privileged last Tuesday to have an inspiring 1½ hour coaching session with AFL Collingwood player, Dane Swan, (current best & fairest!!), John McCarthy and Ryan Cook.

These AFL ambassadors passed on many valuable tips that the students can use in their upcoming interschool matches next week against Bentleigh on 9 June.

WINNERS OF YEAR 7 MATCHES		
Team	v Parkdale	v Brighton
Boys' Soccer	McKinnon	McKinnon
Girls' Soccer	McKinnon	McKinnon
Boys' Badminton	Parkdale	McKinnon
Girls' Badminton	McKinnon	Brighton
Football	McKinnon	Match on 9/6
Netball A & B	McKinnon	McKinnon

### YEAR 8 SPORT

WINNERS OF MATCHES v PARKDALE	
Boys' Soccer	Parkdale
Girls' Soccer	McKinnon
Boys' Badminton	McKinnon
Girls' Badminton	McKinnon
Football	McKinnon
Netball	McKinnon

Unfortunately, Beaumaris has had to forfeit their matches but it now means the Girls' Soccer, Boys' Football and Badminton have remained undefeated and will play in finals on 19 June.

### STATE SCHOOLS GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP

Congratulations to **Su Hyun Oh** who came 2nd finishing with a score of 77 in the State Schools Golf Championships. She has now been selected in the Victorian team to play in the Australian Championship later in the year.

### EQUAL OPPORTUNITY NETBALL

The Boys' Junior team were ably coached by Miss O'Dwyer and finished runners up against Cheltenham last Monday. Although they lacked the experience, they were clear winners of their pool, showing skill and determination all day. They look forward to next year's competition.

Congratulations and "Go McKinnon"!!

**Carole Hooper**  
Junior School Sport Coordinator

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## COMMUNITY NEWS (continued)

### Volunteers Needed

The Murdoch Childrens Research Institute at the Royal Children's Hospital is recruiting volunteers to participate in research looking at **social skills in healthy young people**. This information will help us to understand the needs of young people who have had a brain injury.

#### What does participation involve?

Students will participate in neuropsychological assessment, which involves paper and pencil activities designed to examine social skills.

Parents/ guardians will be asked to complete questionnaires about their child's everyday activities.

After the assessment, we will provide you with a written report outlining your child's performance.

#### We would be delighted to hear from families of:

Students between 6 and 19 years of age.

Students who **do not** have a history of brain injury or developmental problems.

If you are interested in participating in this research or would like to obtain further information please contact Ms. Tilly Crozier on 9090 5244, via e-mail at [matilda.crozier@mcri.edu.au](mailto:matilda.crozier@mcri.edu.au) or return the slip below by **Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2009**.

I am interested in participating in research examining social skills in healthy children.

Parent/guardian name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student age: \_\_\_\_\_

Your contact phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this slip to:

Ms Tilly Crozier  
Child Neuropsychology  
Royal Children's Hospital  
First Floor South East Building  
Flemington Rd, Parkville VIC 3052

### 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.

## ADVERTISEMENTS

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