

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

**TERM 2**  
**18 June 2009**  
**Issue No. 4**

### DATES TO REMEMBER

#### JUNE

**Friday, 19**  
**Report Collation**  
**2.30 Early Finish**

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

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

**Wednesday, 24**  
Year 8 Survivor "Chant Off"  
China Music Trip leaves  
(14 days)

**Thursday, 25**  
Zone Cross Country  
Years 9 & 10 Drama Night

**Friday, 26**  
**Last Day of Term**  
**2.30 Finish**

**Saturday, 27**  
Year 11 Tasmania Trip  
returns

**JULY**  
**Monday, 13**  
**First day of Term 3**  
**Wednesday, 22**  
Percussion Concert

### TERM DATES 2009

**Term 2**  
20 April - 26 June  
**Term 3**  
13 July - 18 September  
**Term 4**  
5 October - 18 December

### **BUILDING FUTURES**

BUXTON CONSTRUCTION has been awarded the tender for our refurbishment to A block. Contracts will be drawn up and work begins on **30 June**. The work will take approximately **200** days from start to finish and I look forward to a very successful project with BUXTON and H2o, our architects.

### **EXAMINATIONS**

Revision and preparation for exams remains an essential part of schooling success. I congratulate students and staff for their tremendous efforts during the mid year exam period, which is always challenging.

It is definitely the most stressful time for our VCE students and emotions tend to run high. Overall, I congratulate our students for the way in which they have handled this difficult time.

I have been most impressed by the way many have come in to access staff and utilize school facilities for study and revision days. I hope all are rewarded with excellent results.

### **H1N1 INFLUENZA (HUMAN SWINE FLU)**

As you would be aware, Victoria is now in a modified 'sustain' phase of its plan to manage the impact of H1N1 Influenza (Human Swine Flu) in our community.

This means that only children confirmed by a doctor as having the virus will be quarantined. Those sharing a house with a confirmed case will not be required to enter quarantine, unless they too are confirmed as having the virus.

Classes who may have been in contact with a confirmed case will no longer be quarantined, and schools will no longer be partially or fully closed.

Students who are feeling unwell should remain at home and not attend school. Students and families with flu-like symptoms are advised to seek medical attention and limit their contact with others.

If your child becomes ill at school, we will contact you immediately and ask you to arrange to collect your child. Please make sure that we have your up-to-date contact details.

It should be remembered, however, that the virus has so far been mild and can be compared to our normal winter flu.

Good general hygiene remains the best defence against the flu and families should continue to ensure children regularly wash their hands and cover their nose and mouth if

sneezing and coughing. This practice is being reinforced with our children while at school.

### **REPORTS**

Reports will be distributed at the end of term and I know many students will be rewarded with very positive comments and excellent results that are a reflection of their dedication, commitment and learning.

I encourage students who are not as pleased with their achievements to reflect on their teacher's comments and return with determination to address concerns that have been raised and ensure improvement takes place next semester.

### **SEMESTER BREAK**

This is the final newsletter for the semester and I would like to take the opportunity to wish all a happy mid year break. In particular, I wish staff and Year 11 students going to Tasmania a very successful trip and I also wish the Senior Stage band the best for a safe and successful tour to China.

I will be accompanying the group to China and, in my absence, Andrew Newton will be Acting Principal. Thank you to everyone for their tremendous support this semester.

*Pitsa Binnion*  
*Principal*

## ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

### **JUNIOR STUDENT COUNCIL**

I have assisted students on the Council while Mr McLeod is on leave. Congratulations to the following students who were elected by their peers as office bearers for this year.

President - **Alistair Ward**  
Vice President - **Karan Raghav**

The student representatives have been very keen to put forward motions on behalf of their class. The council is planning a Casual Dress Day in early Term 3 for some excellent charities selected by our students.

### **SATURDAY MORNING DETENTION**

This was introduced last year to provide a consequence for misbehaviour that fits between normal after school detention and formal suspension. Formal suspension is documented and remains on a student's file at school. Saturday detention is not recorded on the student's file. Saturday detention has been successful in **reducing** formal suspensions and is an ideal sanction for students "wagging" school and those who fail to attend normal detentions after school.

## ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S REPORT (continued)

Failure to attend a Saturday morning (9am-11am) detention results in automatic two days suspension, unless parents contact the Assistant Principal beforehand to explain possible reasons for non-attendance.

### YEAR 9 CAMP

In week three next term, this exciting leadership camp for ALL Year 9 students will take place. The buses are paid for by School Council so that costs are kept down so all can attend. Year 9 Student Managers, Mr Howe and Mrs Roney have worked hard on the program and have introduced some exciting new activities for our students. Parents should not underestimate the importance of these short camps for students in their teenage years.

### CORRECT SCHOOL UNIFORM

Can I request that parents not only ensure that their children have correct school uniform, but that their uniform is always clean and in reasonable condition. Correct uniform is an important part of our school discipline, ethos and public image.

### SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS 2009

The third payment for those paying by four instalments was due on 2 June. Please try to keep up to date with payments. Any parent, whether paying by instalments or lump sum, is encouraged to contact me if financial difficulties are being experienced. Please do not leave school contributions unpaid until very late in the year.

**Andrew Newton**

**Daily Operations & Finance**

SUCCESS STORIES	
<p>Congratulations to <b>Su Hyun Oh</b> (Year 7) on her performance at the <b>Handa Junior Masters in Perth</b>, one of the most prestigious events on the Australian Junior Golf Calendar. With rounds of 75, 69, 79 and 80 on the 72 - hole invitation-only tournament, Su Hyun took out <b>2<sup>nd</sup> place!</b></p>	
<p><b>Jenny Jones</b> <i>College Publicity</i></p>	

### MCKINNON UNIFORM SHOP

Phone/Fax No: 9578 2151

#### Normal Shop Trading Hours During Term:

Tuesdays	8.15am to 12 noon
Friday's	12.30pm to 4.00pm

#### Shop Trading Hours During School Holidays:

Monday 29 June	12.30pm - 3.00pm
Thursday 2 July	10.00am - 2.00pm
Saturday 4 July	9.30am - 12.00pm
Tuesday 7 July	10.30am - 2.00pm
Thursday 9 July	12.00pm - 3.00pm

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

## SPORT

### INTER SPORT ROUND ROBIN 2

Inter Sport Round Robin took place on Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> June. Some great individual and team performances from McKinnon students and a big thanks to all the coaches for their time and effort.

Event	Coach	Place
Boys' Soccer	Mr Noble	1st
Girls' Soccer	Mr Hoskin	Waiting to play a final
Girls' Netball	Miss O'Dwyer	Runner up in final
Girls' Badminton	Mrs Gill	Runner up in final
Boys' Badminton	Mrs Gill	Runner up in final
Boys' Football	Mr Reynolds	3rd

Thanks to Mr Noble for coaching and convening and thanks to Mr Hoskin for coaching and refereeing. Good luck to all soccer players in the next round and well done again to our teams.

**Andy Hart**

**Senior School Sport Coordinator**

### JUNIOR SPORT REPORT

**Congratulations to the following teams who are now the BEACHSIDE CHAMPIONS !!!!**

Event	Coach	Result
Boys' Soccer	Mr Bustin	defeated Beaumaris 6-0
Girls' Soccer	Mrs Hooper	defeated Mentone Girls 3-2 in penalties
Boys' Football	Mr Reynolds and Mr Stubbs	defeated Cheltenham 93-67

Unfortunately the Year 7 Girls' Netball lost both A (31-21) & B (32-10) matches to Mentone and the Year 8 Girls' Soccer lost to Mentone 3-0.

Thanks to **Dechlan Turkington, Lewis Tanoyo** and **Alon Goldenberg, Tori Walker, Findlay Rayson, Judith Rees** and Mr Stubbs for umpiring the finals.

These teams will go onto the Southern Zone Metro Finals against the winner of the Dandenong District in Term 3.

Tomorrow our Year 8 Footballers and Boys' Badminton v Cheltenham in the District Finals.

Good Luck to all teams.

**Carole Hooper**



**Junior School Sport Coordinator**

**JUNIOR  
MUSIC CONCERT**

Tuesday 23rd June 7pm

All parents welcome!




 <p><b>Murdoch Childrens Research Institute</b> <i>Healthier Kids. Smarter Future.</i></p>	 <p><b>The Royal Children's Hospital Melbourne</b></p>
<h3>Volunteers Needed</h3> <p>The Murdoch Childrens Research Institute at the Royal Children's Hospital is recruiting volunteers to participate in research looking at <b>social skills in healthy young people</b>. This information will help us to understand the needs of young people who have had a brain injury.</p> <p><b>What does participation involve?</b></p> <p>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.</p> <p>After the assessment, we will provide you with a written report outlining your child's performance.</p> <p><b>We would be delighted to hear from families of:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students between 6 and 19 years of age.</li> <li>Students who <b>do not</b> have a history of brain injury or developmental problems.</li> </ul> <p>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 <a href="mailto:matilda.crozier@mcri.edu.au">matilda.crozier@mcri.edu.au</a> or return the slip below by <b>Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2009</b>.</p> <p>✂-----</p> <p>I am interested in participating in research examining social skills in healthy children.</p> <p>Parent/guardian name: _____</p> <p>Student name: _____</p> <p>Student age: _____</p> <p>Your contact phone number: _____</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Please return this slip to: Ms Tilly Crozier Child Neuropsychology Royal Children's Hospital First Floor South East Building Flemington Rd, Parkville VIC 3052</p>	

**LIBRARY HOURS**

For the **last week of term** the library will close earlier than usual, at **3.30pm**. We have lots of great new titles so get in early before school or at lunchtime to borrow y our holiday reading.

*Explore new opportunities beyond the classroom!*

*Learn all about student exchange, WEP Australia and the 2009/2010 exchange programs.*



**WEP Open Day 20 June & 15 August**  
12 noon -4:00pm  
WEP Head Office  
Suite 2, 249 Hampton Street  
Hampton

**WEP Info Night 21 July**  
7:30pm -9:30pm  
Kingston Arts Centre  
979 Nepean Highway  
Moorabbin

*A once-in-a-lifetime opportunity! Students can choose from over 20 countries to live and study with the support of a loving hostfamily, school and community.*

**Requesting your information pack is easy!**  
Contact WEP's office for the cost of a local call 1300 884 733, email [info@wep.org.au](mailto:info@wep.org.au) or visit [www.wep.org.au](http://www.wep.org.au).

 **MONASH University**

**Experience Monash**  
**Tuesday July 7, 2009**  
**10am – 3pm**

**Are you a student in Year 10, 11 or 12 or a parent of a student in one of these years? If so, we invite you to come and Experience Monash.**

The program aims to introduce you to the study opportunities and experiences available at the Clayton campus. Choose from a variety of interactive faculty workshops, plus learn more about entry requirements, scholarships, fees and transition to university.

**For program details and to book online visit:**

[www.monash.edu.au/study/events/](http://www.monash.edu.au/study/events/)

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