

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Welcome back for Term 3 to all staff, students and families. I hope the term is both rewarding and successful for all.

BUILDING FUTURES

As many of you would now know the construction of our new building has well and truly begun. Buxton Construction demolished our old 'A' block wing during the holidays and we look forward to watching the development of our new double storey wing.

Planning for our hall development is also underway and quotes are being finalised this week. We expect this work to also begin within the next few weeks.

All members of our community must be very careful not to enter the construction sites and to be very careful with the even worse traffic congestion.

TASMANIA TRIP

Thank you to all the students who participated in the Year 11 Tasmania tour. All accounts have been positive and I am sure the trip will be remembered fondly by all. I would particularly like to acknowledge the staff who enthusiastically ensured the students experienced the best of Tasmania.

CHINA TRIP

I was privileged to accompany the Senior Stage Band to China during the holidays. This also was a very successful adventure and the students involved were a credit to their families and wonderful ambassadors for McKinnon Secondary College. Much time and energy was invested in raising funds to make the trip possible and I'd like to acknowledge Mr Orr, Mrs Pryor and Mr West for their tremendous efforts.

MID YEAR REPORTS

Semester 1 reports were distributed at the end of term. Any student who has not received their report should see their Student Manager.

During the General Assembly this week, I encouraged students to reflect on their achievements and to work hard addressing concerns identified by their teachers.

I congratulate the many students who took advantage of the educational opportunities provided and achieved their personal best.

POST HOME NEWSLETTER

The post home newsletter was sent to all families during the holidays. Included in this package was the VCE class of 2008 brochure, a 'change of details' notification form and key

dates for Semester 2. If you have not received a copy of this documentation please contact the General Office.

H1N1 INFLUENZA

The worst is not yet over with H1N1 influenza. Students who are feeling unwell should remain at home and if they have flu like symptoms they should seek medical attention.

Good general hygiene remains the best defence against the flu. Families should continue to ensure children regularly wash their hands and cover their noses and mouth if sneezing and coughing. This practice is being reinforced with your children while at school.

Pitsa Binnion
Principal

SENIOR SCHOOL REPORT

Welcome back to an extremely important and busy second half of the year.

MID YEAR REPORTS

All students have received their first semester reports. Time should be taken to read carefully all sections for these reports, acknowledging the achievements in each subject and reflecting on the area to improve.

The personal profiles on effort and behaviour are also an excellent indication if a student is working within each class. We would anticipate 3s and 4s for all these profiles otherwise there is room for improvement.

In the end, well done to all students for their achievements and to those who could improve they have time over the second semester to do so. Ensure we put in the effort now for the rest of the year, so we can reap the rewards later.

MANAGED INDIVIDUAL PATHWAYS (MIPS)

All senior students will have an interview either with their Student Managers or myself. In these interviews we will be looking at their performances over the first semester, they will be asked to reflect on their report, they will be asked about their future subject choices and career pathway.

YEAR 11 DRIVER EDUCATION

Thank you to Mr Sargent and Mr Braniska for taking our 30 students to the METEC driving school. Again the students were a credit to our school and we hoped that their experience will help them in their safe driving futures.

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DATES TO REMEMBER

JULY

Tuesday, 21
Building & Grounds
Committee meeting
7.30pm

Wednesday, 22
Percussion Concert

Thursday, 23
2.30pm finish

Monday, 27
Year 9 Camp—1st group
leaves

Wednesday, 29
Year 9 Camp—2nd group
leaves
2.30 finish

Thursday, 30
VTAC Evening

AUGUST

Tuesday, 4
Australian English
Competition

Wednesday, 5
School Athletics Carnival

Thursday, 6
Australian Maths Comp
Intermediate Round Robin
Sports

ADVANCE NOTICE

Thursday, 20
VCE Information Night

Saturday, 22
Working Bee (AM)

TERM DATES 2009

Term 3
13 July - 18 September

Term 4
5 October - 18 December

SENIOR SCHOOL REPORT (CONT)

YEAR 12

The year 12s will be undertaking numerous career sessions over the term in preparation for their future choices. We will have visited Monash University for an induction program to tertiary life and facilities. Students should visit the Careers teachers to begin planning for their future.

Peter Thompson
Head of Senior School

MUSIC

The Music department welcomes you to Term 3 and the Winter Concert. Term 3 signifies the music department's night of nights with a spectacular array of music from students of all ages. Be sure to keep free the evening of Thursday 27th of August. Tickets will be available soon.

Glen Nelson
Head of Music

SUCCESS STORIES

Congratulations to **Jade Dwyer** (year 9) who recently competed at the Aussie Allstars National Gymnastics Championships with great results. Jade's Junior Squad team was placed first in the competition. Individually Jade was hugely successful with two first places in the Ball and Clubs events and a second place in the Rope event.

Claudine Catipon (year 10) has been selected to attend an interview for one of the three Goethe-Institut Australien and Association of German Teachers of Victoria Year 10 Awards. These awards are keenly sought after as they offer the opportunity to study at a language school in Germany. Claudine was chosen on the basis of her impressive application which included her ideas as to why she would continue to study German in the future. The awards attract applicants from all over Victoria and Claudine is one of only ten selected for interview – a fabulous achievement! Best of luck Claudine.

Erin Ferrari's (staff) resin artwork has been selected for display and sale at an exhibition at Lioli Gallery. The exhibition is opening on the 25th July at 1395 Toorak Rd. Camberwell. Erin's pieces are shown under the name 'Erin Rollason'.

Jenny Jones
College Publicity

SPORT

JUNIOR SPORT REPORT

The new Term 3 sports have begun for Year 7 and will begin tomorrow for Year 8s.

All students are to continue to wear their full sports uniform and tracksuit. All Rugby and Hockey players are required to purchase a mouthguard and sport socks. All Taekwondo, Squash and Fitness at the Gym students are required to make payment to the Bursar by week 3 please.

The Interschool Sports dates for Basketball, Hockey and Futsal are as follows:

Year 7

11 August v Brighton
18 August v Bentleigh
25 August v Parkdale

Year 8

14 August v Brighton
21 August v Bentleigh
28 August v Beaumaris
4 September v Parkdale

The Year 7/8 Rugby Gala day at Elwood Park is on Tuesday 11th August.

The Year 7/8 Squash and Table Tennis Gala Day at MSAC is on Monday 14 September.

Parents are always very welcome to support our fabulous sporting programme.

I hope all Year 7 and 8s continue to enjoy their sport and make the most of their coaching sessions.

Good Luck to our Year 7 Boys' and Girls' soccer teams and our Year 7 football players who play a metro quarter final against the Dandenong Group in the next few weeks.

Go McKinnon!!

Carole Hooper
Junior School Sport Coordinator

LITERACY SUPPORT VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

We are looking for enthusiastic people who are willing to volunteer at least one hour per week to assist in our Literacy Support Program. You will be working with the same Year 7 or Year 8 student each week, enhancing their literacy skills. No experience required!

There will be an information session held here at school:

Date: Thursday 23 July
Time: 9.45am

If you are interested in supporting our Literacy Program, contact the school to leave your details. If you cannot attend the information session we will arrange another time to meet.

Melinda Jones and Georgina Tsitas
Literacy Support Team

EMA SECOND SEMESTER

Applications for Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) for the second semester close on **Friday 7th August**. EMA is proved to assist eligible families with the costs associated with the education of their children. Newly eligible parents are required to complete an application form (obtainable from the office) and return it by the due date.

To be eligible for receipt of the EMA you must:

- be either a parent or guardian of a primary or secondary school student up to the age of sixteen

and

- be an eligible beneficiary of a Centrelink pension, allowance or benefit within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004 **or** be a Veterans Affairs (TPI) pensioner **or** be a foster parent.

The eligibility criteria must be met as at the first day of Term 3 (13th July, 2009).

If you received EMA in Semester 1 you do not need to apply again. However if your benefit card has been renewed we do require a copy for our records.

MCKINNON UNIFORM SHOP

Phone/Fax No: 9578 2151

Normal Shop Trading Hours During Term:

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**.

GENERAL OFFICE

Office hours are 8.15am-4.30pm

Telephone: 8520 9000

Parents should always make contact with the General Office first when visiting the school or trying to make contact with their children.

Appointments with teachers must be made via telephone.

Student absences should be reported to the school before 9am. A note including the students name, form and reason for absence should be sent to school when the student returns to school.

To keep our records up-to-date and in case of emergency, if you have any recent changes to your contact details, please complete the form below and return it to the General Office.

Student - Change of Details Advice

Student Name _____ Form _____

Address _____

Home Telephone _____

Mother's Work Telephone _____

Father's Work Telephone _____

Emergency Contacts _____
