

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

TERM 3
3 September 2009
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DATES TO REMEMBER

SEPTEMBER

Friday 4

Ski Trip
Year 7 Immunisations

Tuesday 8

Year 7 and 8 Parent Teacher Interviews 2.30pm finish

Wednesday 9

Student late start 9.45am

Monday 14

Asia Week begins,
Year 9 and 10 Parent Teacher Interviews 2.30pm finish

Tuesday 15

Student late start 9.45am
Music Recital Evening 7pm
Finance Committee 7.30pm

Wednesday 16

Music Recital Evening 7pm

Thursday 17

Music Recital Evening 7pm

Friday 18

Last day of Term 3
Early Finish 2.30pm

ADVANCE NOTICE

OCTOBER

Monday 5

First Day of Term 4

Tuesday 6

Finance Committee 6.50pm
School Council meeting
7.30pm

Thursday 8

Music Vocal Evening 7pm

TERM DATES 2009

Term 3

13 July - 18 September

Term 4

5 October - 18 December

INTERNATIONAL GUEST

Representative Cho, a national spokesperson of the Grand National Party of Korea, paid us a visit last week. She was a guest of the Foreign Affairs Department and is discussing stronger partnerships and opportunities for growth and development - especially with the Victorian Education Department. It was a great pleasure to showcase excellence at our school. Some of our Korean international students met Representative Cho and she was very impressed with their pride, dedication and confidence.

SCHOOLS CONNECTING WITH COMMUNITIES

PRINCIPAL FOR A DAY

"Principal for a Day" is delivered by the Australian Council for Educational Research (ACER) in partnership with the Victorian Department of Education and Early Childhood Development.

This program provides us with an excellent opportunity to enable someone from the business community to gain a unique insight into the learning environment at our school.

On Thursday August 25 the Member for Bentleigh, Mr Rob Hudson, was our "Principal for the Day". His schedule began at 8am where he met with the Senior Council and discussed relevant issues and gave students an opportunity to share both ideas and concerns.

Mr Hudson visited numerous classes, joined the Leadership Team in discussions about future priorities, held an assembly for Year 12 students sharing words of wisdom and finally attended a staff meeting. I thank him for a most successful day.

WINTER MUSIC CONCERT

Our gala evening showcasing music at the College was held last week (Thursday August 27) and I congratulate Mr Glen Nelson (Head of Music), Mr Martin West (Instrumental Music Manager) and the Music Faculty for an exceptional evening.

The high calibre of music was noted and it was performed to perfection. I hope our children continue to enrich their lives with music.

The evening was enjoyed by family and friends and continues the McKinnon tradition of excellence.

DEBATING SUCCESS

Congratulations to our Year 10 Debaters who participated in the Barry Jones Cup at Parliament House last week.

The participants included **Jake Antmann, Jess Fridman, Tamsin Gordon, Lakshmi Holmes, Winnie Hughston, Sofie Kallergis, Julia Kroumer, Lachlan Macfarlane** and **Jackie Van Dort**. The team came second and were wonderful ambassadors for McKinnon.

They were very impressive, articulate and excellent communicators. **Lachlan Macfarlane** won the Best Speaker of the Day.

Jake Antmann has just been announced as the recipient of the Swannie Award for Debating - the best speaker for C Grade in the Caulfield Region. I congratulate and thank Ms Arena and Ms Turner for their guidance and support.

PARENT SURVEYS

Parent Opinion Surveys have been distributed over the last few weeks. 200 families have been randomly selected to participate in this survey.

These questionnaires are returned to the Department who collate the responses and return the results back to the school. Feedback of this kind allows us to reflect on our community's opinion and gives us an opportunity to address any concerns. I thank the families involved.

SCHOOL ANNUAL WORKING BEE Saturday August 22

Thank you to everyone who attended our Working Bee and assisted Andrew Newton and Colin Barry to complete numerous gardening tasks. Our grounds were much improved.

Chris Andrew	Debbie Andrew
John Broadbent	Bob Casamento
Lars Christiansen	Dianne Harley
Bruce Houghton	David James
Nicole Kemp	Michele Kyriakopoulos
Tracey Main	Ken McKinlay
Alex Papacostas	Andrew Papacostas
Zac Papacostas	Andrew Thomas
Tony Velz	Kylie Ward
Terry Wilson	

TOURNAMENT OF MINDS

Congratulations to all staff and students involved in the Tournament of Minds Program for 2009. McKinnon entered seven teams and I know that much time and effort was devoted to supporting students in their endeavours. Two of