

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

TERM 3
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DATES TO REMEMBER

SEPTEMBER

Thursday 17

Music Recital Evening 7pm

Friday 18

Last day of Term 3

Early Finish 2.30pm

ADVANCE NOTICE

SEPTEMBER HOLIDAYS

Wednesday 30 - Friday 2
October

Unit 3/4 Practice Exams
3 days

OCTOBER

Monday 5

First Day of Term 4

Tuesday 6

French Exchange
Information Meeting 7.30pm
Finance Committee 6.50pm
School Council 7.30pm

Thursday 8

Music Vocal Evening 7pm

TERM DATES 2009

Term 3

13 July - 18 September

Term 4

5 October - 18 December

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Thank you to all parents for their attendance at the Parent Teacher interviews. I apologise for the difficulties experienced with the construction work and also the very inclement weather conditions. I look forward to our return back to the hall next year.

HALL REFURBISHMENT

This project will be finished these holidays. The School Council has contributed significantly to the improvement of our hall and added to the Commonwealth National Schools Pride money. On behalf of the School Community I would like to thank the School Council for supporting this refurbishment project.

AUSTRALIAN MATHEMATICS COMPETITION

Congratulations to all of the 141 students who were selected to take part in this prestigious competition. Special mention to the following who were ranked top in their year level and achieved results in the 99th percentile or above.

Year 7	Jessica Ye (Prize Winner) Andy He Ben Flavell Sara Cooper Dmitiri Chugunkov
Year 8	Jess Broons (Prize Winner) Cheryl Chen Amy Sayce Hyung Kyu Lee
Year 9	Hee Jeong Youn Nga Truong Aaron Chisholm
Year 10	Jake Antmann Yuval Boneh Ethan Watkins Nuriel Joffe Matthew Chen
Year 11	Aimee Liu

Another 68 students were awarded a High Distinction or Distinction contributing to our most successful year ever in this competition. Well Done.

AUSTRALIAN PERCUSSION EISTEDDFOD

Congratulations to **Jesse Glass** for his success in the Australia Percussion Eisteddfod in Sydney. He won 1st Place in Marimba, 2

Mallets Solo category, 1st Place in the Timpani Solo and 3rd Place in Snare Drum Solo. Well done Jesse and thank you to Mr Sergei Golovko for his continued support and guidance of Jesse.

STATE CHAMPIONS

Congratulations to the Year 7 Boys Football team who won the State Championship, on Tuesday at Victoria Park. This is an outstanding success for each one of the boys and I congratulate them on this achievement. They showed incredible talent and teamwork. I thank their coaches Mr Reynolds and Mr Stubbs for their support and guidance of the team, and all the parents for their constant encouragement of the boys. Well Done.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

From the start of Term 4 students have an option to wear Summer or Winter uniform. However a combination of both is not acceptable. This option is available until the day after Cup Day, **Wednesday 4 November**, when all students will be required to be in full summer uniform. Again, I thank parents who support our uniform policy and ensure their children look their very best at all times.

YEAR 12 STUDENTS

I wish our Year 12 students all the very best during this study period. I am very proud in the way students have worked diligently and given their best. Practice exams will be held in the School Hall on Wednesday 30 September, Thursday 1 October and Friday 2 October, (week 2 of the holidays). Best of luck to each and every one of them.

I also hope staff and students have a relaxing and well deserved rest.

Pitsa Binnion

Principal

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

HUGE SPORTING FIRST FOR MCKINNON IN AFL FOOTBALL!

On Tuesday of this week, the Year 7 Football Team won the STATE FINAL. I think this is the FIRST State Final won in AFL football in the history of the school (est 1954). Every Secondary College in Victoria had a Year 7 AFL team, so it is a tough competition. The team won by 4 goals in a highly skilled and tense encounter at Victoria Park. Thank you to the

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large group of parents who supported the team. Congratulations to the coaches, Mr Reynolds and Mr Stubbs, who put in an enormous amount of time to develop the team. I have coached Year 7 football for 15 years and always aspired to this feat. Go Pies!

NOTES FOR STUDENT ABSENCE

All parents and the school have a LEGAL DUTY to account for any student absences. Parents can assist the school greatly by ensuring absence notes are issued promptly and that the information is easy to process. Please ensure your absence note clearly shows the following:

- ◆ Full name of student (in CAPITALS)
- ◆ Form - e.g. 9E
- ◆ Reason for absence
- ◆ Signature of parent
- ◆ Preferred contact phone number of parent

Thank you for your co-operation.

EXCURSIONS

It appears that recently a significant number of students have decided not to go on excursions organised by teachers. They are left at school without a class and usually do yard duty.

Teachers organise excursions to enrich the curriculum, provide a break from the classroom and they are frequently important to assessment. Please support teachers by insisting students attend excursions and providing the signed form and money by the due date. If the excursion cost is an issue, please apply to Mrs Bacon's Welfare budget for assistance.

I am now keeping a list of junior students missing excursions and they may be removed from Year Level camps and final week activities.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 2010

The Bursar is sending out **FINAL** financial statements this week. Could all parents please ensure that they finalise their account before interviews for courses in 2010 begin in Term 4. Any parent experiencing financial difficulties should contact me for assistance to help you finalise your account early.

Andrew Newton
Daily Operations & Finance

TEACHING AND LEARNING REPORT

NAPLAN

This week the College received the results of this year's NAPLAN (National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy) tests. Parents of years Seven and Nine students will receive information about NAPLAN results shortly.

Your child's NAPLAN report will show his or her results in comparison with the results of all other

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students in Australia who sat the tests, more than a million students in total. The report shows:

- ◆ the national average
- ◆ the range for the middle 60 per cent of students and
- ◆ whether your child has achieved the national minimum standards.

Further information about how to interpret the NAPLAN results can be found at www.naplan.edu.au

ASIA WEEK

Mrs Nayyar has created an exciting timetable of events for Asia Week this week. Asia Week is an annual celebration of Asian culture and is in its fifteenth year at the College. It's a great way to end the term and thank you to everyone who has been involved this week.

Best wishes to all of the school community over the holiday break. Hopefully it will be a safe and relaxing time, and senior students will be working hard to prepare for exams.

Scott Evans
*Acting Assistant Principal
Teaching & Learning*

SENIOR SCHOOL REPORT

PARENT TEACHER EVENINGS

Thank you to all parents, students and staff for the Parent Teacher evenings. We find these evenings invaluable as we can congratulate those who are doing well and encourage those who can improve. It is important that all students act upon the advice given at these interviews.

Some simple tips:

- ◆ Regular homework patterns throughout the week.
- ◆ A suitable location for homework, this may not necessarily be in the bedroom as some students may need to be monitored.
- ◆ Limit use of the computer that is not for school work as MSN, Facebook and games are consuming many hours.
- ◆ If there is said to be no homework, then the time should be used to either revise or plan ahead.

UNIT 3/4 PRACTICE EXAMS

As printed before, the Unit 3/4 Practice exams will be held the last 3 days (Wednesday, Thursday and Friday) of the school holidays.

Students have been given the timetable of the exams and need to prepare themselves over the holiday period.

These exams will run like the VCAA exams in terms

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of rules and expectations, so students need to arrive well before each exam in FULL UNIFORM with the correct equipment. We wish all students well in these exams and the November exams.

THE HOLIDAY BREAK

The break has arrived and importantly after a long and hard third term it is necessary to recharge the body ready for fourth term where all senior students will face major tests and exams.

Each day there needs to be a component of school work, mainly revision and preparation for the exams. Importantly, there needs to be a balance of work and rest, but also keeping normal sleeping patterns.

YEAR 12 STUDENTS

All the very best over the final months. For those students who have worked well, continue to do so and you reap the rewards. For those who can work harder, it is never too late to start and much can be gained over the next two months.

For all, it is important to invest time into our future options. We wish you well.

To all have a relaxing and safe break ready for the final busy term.

Peter Thompson
Head of Senior School

SUCCESS STORIES

The McKinnon Senior Singers, conducted by Ms Blanka West, recently performed at the Waverley Eisteddfod held at Huntingtower Performing Arts Centre. They sang 'Death of a Giant' and 'Under the Boardwalk' in the Secondary School Chamber Choir section. The adjudicator, Mr Bruce Macrae, commented glowingly on their performance, awarding them a score of 91 and an Honourable Mention.

Best wishes go to **James Faull** (Year 9) who has been selected in the Under 15 Victorian Lacrosse State Team. James will play in the Inter-State competition during the holidays.

Su Hyun Oh (Year 7) continues to take out major golf prizes: she was recently placed second in the Victorian Schools State Championships, finished fifth at the 2009 Victorian Women's Amateur Championship held at the Monash Links Open Championship course, and was runner up in the Victorian Women's Pennant Championship playing number one for Kingston Heath Golf Club.

Congratulations to all these students on their amazing performances!

Jenny Jones
College Publicity

SPORT

BEACHSIDE ATHLETICS UPDATE

120 students from McKinnon represented the College at the Beachside Athletics Competition on Thursday 3 September. This was by far the best team performance ever produced by McKinnon students.

There were numerous outstanding performances and winners gaining lots of points for the school but there were also many students volunteering to compete in unfamiliar events for the team. This team spirit resulted in the biggest winning margin by any school since the competition began. Our overall winning margin was over 300 points. Analysing the results McKinnon students achieved either 1st, 2nd or 3rd in 105 events out of a total 155 events.

Last year 26 students represented the College at Zone finals. This year 61 students have qualified for the Zone Final. Mr Stubbs assisted with the relay teams and he was rewarded with every boys' relay team qualifying together with two girls' relay teams finishing in the top three.

Good luck to all athletes competing in the Zone Finals on October 8. A big thanks to all staff and team managers for their efforts on the day and as usual a big thanks to Mr Bustin for his time and effort leading up to the Competition.

Andy Hart
Inter School Sport Coordinator

JUNIOR SPORT REPORT

STATE FINAL RESULTS

The Year 7 Boys Football team were crowned STATE CHAMPIONS 2009 on Tuesday at Victoria Park. In a thrilling final, they convincingly beat Maribrynong 8.10 (58) to 4.4 (28).

Marcus La Greca was awarded Best on Ground. Other great performances were from **Nick Houghton, James Landman, Richard Main, Aaron Locandro** and **Adam Schwarz**.

Congratulations to the dedicated coaches Mr Stubbs and Mr Reynolds, who coached the squad to be a well oiled machine.

McKinnon hasn't won a Football Premiership in the last 28 years so it's a fantastic effort to now be on our Hall of Fame for all to see. (Mr Newton is hoping the luck will rub off onto Collingwood).

Yesterday the Year 7 Girls Soccer Team came Runners up in the State Championship at the State Soccer Centre. They beat Wodonga, Bendigo and Gisborne to win their pool. Sadly, they lost to Kurnai College from Gippsland.

Congratulations to all the girls and especially to **Agnes Evangelista** for some fabulous goalie saves (even a penalty!) and **Jemo Cevik** for her exceptional midfield striking ability.

We have completed yet another fabulous term of Junior Sport. With 10 choices on offer, the students have continued their eagerness in the programme -

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learning, improving and keeping fit with our dedicated team of coaches.

Congratulations to the following teams who have been crowned the 2009 Beachside Champions:

Year 7 Girls 'B' team Basketball

- coached by Miss Ferrari

Year 8 Girls 'B' team Basketball

- coached by Miss Long

Year 8 Boys Hockey -coached by Mr Hudd

We are still awaiting results of both Year 7 & 8 Girls Futsal teams, coached by Mr Stubbs

The Squash and Table Tennis Gala day, held last Monday at MSAC, was a huge success. The school entered 12 teams and 9 McKinnon teams are now Beachside Champions. Congratulations to all competitors. We witnessed some fantastic squash and table tennis games. Thanks goes to our devoted coaches Mr Braniska, Mr Groves, Miss Turner, Mr Sargeant and Mr Hurwitz for their support during the day.

Thankyou to all the student umpires who helped ref the games, and a special mention to **Sam Jacobs** who did a superb job umpiring many hockey games.

To celebrate Asia Week, Hansu Taekwondo will provide an exciting demo and clinic for our Year 8 students in the gym tomorrow.

Next term is our Alternative Sports Programme. Many students will be involved in clinics run by local Handball, Lacrosse and Ultimate Frisbee Clubs. It will culminate in an Alternative Sports Gala Day on Tuesday 10 November.

A reminder that as we are a Sun Smart School, it is a requirement that all students wear their named McKinnon hat for sport next term. We feel very strongly about this and the coaches will issue detentions for not adhering to this rule. Please also encourage your child to bring a water bottle and sunscreen. If your child is doing a sport that requires extra money, this must be paid to the Bursar by Week 3 of 4th term.

Go McKinnon!

Carole Hooper

An extremely proud Junior School Sport Coordinator

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

Shop Trading Hours During School Holidays:

Tuesday 22 September 11.00pm - 2.00pm

Friday 25 September 12.00pm - 3.00pm

Monday 28 September 1.00pm - 4.00pm

Wednesday 30 September 11.00am - 2.00pm

Saturday 3 October 0.30am - 12.00pm

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

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! Full training provided!

If you are interested in supporting our Literacy Program, contact the school to leave your details. We will return your call and arrange a time to meet.

Melinda Jones and Georgina Tsitas
Literacy Support Team

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.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Tennis Victoria – Mums Tennis Program

MON 12 OCTOBER – FRI 13 NOVEMBER 2009

Tennis Victoria invites you to take part in our Mums' Tennis Program, conducted by Tennis Australia endorsed coaches. Open to all players of all standards, its great for health, fitness and fun. All tennis racquets and tennis balls supplied. Program cost: \$15 for 5 weeks of group coaching. To register at Kings Park Tennis Club please contact Colin Price on 9588 0660. Book early, as places are limited.

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Where: Packer Park, Leila Road Carnegie/Murumbeena

We have Junior sides ranging from U/11 to U/17 which play either Friday Twilight, Saturday &/or Sunday mornings.

*** Boys & Girls most welcome No obligation to join**

Level 1 Accredited coaches Club house & 3 Nets

Parents most welcome Season starts early October

If you have any questions or would like any further information

contact: **John Jukes 0412226350 or jjcm1@optusnet.com.au**

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