

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

GOODBYE TO THE CLASS OF 2009

Thirteen years of compulsory education ends this week and only the examinations remain to be completed by the class of 2009.

I thank the Year 12s for their contribution and service to McKinnon Secondary College and wish them all the very best for their future endeavours.

I also sincerely thank all the parents for their support over the years.

I hope the future for our graduates is one filled with much success and happiness.

HALL REFURBISHMENT

This project is now complete and last week the entire school was able to be a part of the General Assembly.

It has been a very successful project and I am sure this will contribute positively to the school community for many years to come.

PAST STUDENT WINS MAJOR AWARD

Danielle Matthews (Class of 2001) competed at Her Majesty's Theatre on Monday 12th October as one of six finalists at the Rob Guest Endowment Concert.

After the sudden death of Rob Guest OBE, last year, a memorial trust was established in his honour to help emerging young performers in musical theatre.

Danielle sang 'Someone To Watch Over Me' and 'I Am Telling You' from *Dreamgirls* to win the Rob Guest Endowment Award. The prize includes a \$1000 grant as well as vocal, dance and acting tuition here and in New York City, including return airfare and accommodation.

Congratulations to Danielle who sang through her years here at McKinnon Secondary College with leading roles in school productions and an A+ for VCE Music Solo Performance in 2001.

INTRODUCTION OF THE VICTORIAN STUDENT NUMBER

Our school is working with the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development to allocate a Victorian Student Number (VSN) to each student at the school.

The VSN is an identification number assigned by the Department to all students. The number will be used as a key identifier on students' school records. It is a unique number that each student will have throughout their education until they reach the age of 25.

The introduction of the Victorian School Number will provide the capability to accurately detect patterns of student movements through, and departure from, the Victorian education and training system.

If you want to know more about the VSN please see <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/management/governance/vsn/overview.htm>

Pitsa Binnion
Principal

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

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

Please note that all absence notes are now placed in a box at the General Office (by students or parents).

Thank you for your co-operation.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 2010

The Bursar has now sent out FINAL financial statements for 2009. 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.

YEAR 7 AND 8 FRENCH EXCURSION - CANCELLED

A French Excursion in late Term 3 was cancelled because too many students failed to pay and return forms on time.

Students who paid \$12.50 will be given a refund if they come to the Bursar's Office next week (Monday 19 to Friday 24). Any parent who does not wish for their child to collect this cash must contact the Bursar's Office this week or early next week.

Andrew Newton
Daily Operations & Finance

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DATES TO REMEMBER

OCTOBER

Saturday 17

Ex-Students Thistlelonians Reunion 7.30pm

Tuesday 20

Building & Grounds Committee meeting 7.30pm

Wednesday 21

Spring Music Concert 7pm

Monday 26

Year 10 Outdoor Ed Surf Camp (3 days)

Tuesday 27

Education Committee 7.30pm

Friday 30

Year 12 exams begin

ADVANCE NOTICE

NOVEMBER

Monday 2

Normal classes

Tuesday 3

Melbourne Cup Day Holiday

Thursday 5

Art Show Opening Night

TERM DATES 2009

Term 4

5 October - 18 December

TERM DATES 2010

Term 1

1 February - 26 March

JUNIOR SCHOOL REPORT

We hope all students and families in the Junior School had a relaxing holiday and that students have 're-charged their batteries', ready for another term of productive work.

YEAR 8 STUDENTS

A reminder that your on-line Year 9, 2010 Elective choices need to be submitted by Tuesday 20th October, plus a print-out of your selections signed by your parents, should be returned to the Year 8 Office also by Tuesday 20th October. Please see the Student Managers or myself if you have any inquiries or questions regarding the Elective selection process.

JUNIOR SCHOOL LEADERSHIP

As mentioned at our Information Evening, we are now seeking expressions of interest from Year 8 students for our Junior School Leadership positions for 2010. We will be appointing male and female Junior School Captains and Vice Captains, together with House Captains and Vice Captains. A major focus of our school is service to the community. Leadership positions at school are an excellent vehicle for students to make a positive contribution to the welfare of their peers, plus a most valuable personal learning experience. We would strongly encourage students to apply.

Les McLeod
Head of Junior School

VOCAL NIGHT

The second Vocal Night for the year was held on the evening of Thursday 8th October in The Alan Lawrence Theatre. There were twenty eight acts from students ranging from Year 8 to 12.

The McKinnon Choir opened the night with Ms Papworth conducting, in their colourful new uniforms which was a great way to start for all the McKinnon singers! Many individual and group numbers followed. Some of the Year 12 students sang items from their VCE program while others sang songs from their AMEB program. There was an all male ensemble singing a rousing song from the musical "The Scarlet Pimpernel". **Alex Attrill** sang with her father, Ross Attrill. You'll have to wait for their upcoming CD! Thank you to the accompanists **Aimee Liu** and **Raphael Goldis** amongst others and the students who accompanied themselves including **Camilla Kennedy** and **Matt Connolly**. The night closed with the Senior Singers and an emotional feeling from all the Year 12s, as it was their last Vocal Night at McKinnon!

Thanks must go to Ms Papworth for all of her backstage and onstage work, **Michael Bates**, **Ben Rayson** and **James Teagle** up in the Sound and Lighting box (I hear James recorded the night!), Jenny and Tim Barratt for their work in the kitchen and all of the singers and wonderful audience who turned up to experience this terrific night of beautiful vocals. It was one of the best nights we've had yet!

Ms Blanka West

SPORT

JUNIOR SPORT REPORT

Our Year 7 and 8 Sport Education Programme is well underway for the term. Please support your child and remind them to bring along their hat, water bottle and sunscreen to each session, where appropriate. If your child is participating in an activity that requires extra payment, this needs to be paid by Week 3, otherwise they will not be able to continue until payment is made.

Students in the Alternative Sports teams; Lacrosse, Handball, Ultimate Frisbee and Lawn Bowls are enjoying clinics run by local associations. These clinics will culminate in an Alternative Sports Competition against Brighton and Bentleigh on 10th November at local venues.

We have had great success with Junior Sport to date and this continues with Metropolitan Preliminary Finals coming up for the following teams:

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| Year 7 Boys Table Tennis | v Lyndale | Coach Mr Hourigan |
| Year 7 Boys Squash | v Lyndale | Coach Mr Groves |
| Year 8 Boys Table Tennis | v Narre Warren South | Coaches Coby Lovell/Mr Braniska |
| Year 8 Girls Table Tennis | v Narre Warren South | Coaches Coby Lovell/Mr Braniska |
| Year 8 Boys & Girls Squash | v Lyndale | Coach Mr Buntman |
| Year 7 Girls Cricket | v Dromana | Coach Mr Stubbs |
| Year 8 Boys Hockey | v Dandenong | Coach Mr Hudd |

Four teams have made State Finals: Mr Hart's Year 7 and 8 Girls Rugby, Year 8 Boys Rugby and Mrs Hunter's Year 8 Softballers!

Good Luck to all and Go McKinnon!!!!

Carole Hooper
Junior School Sport Coordinator

GYMNASTICS SUCCESS

Congratulations to our Gymnastics Team - **Alex Ball** Year 11, **Melissa Thorne**, **Ellena Graham** Year 9 and **Brydie McDonald** Year 7. In the last week of last term, these girls represented McKinnon at the Victorian Interschool Gymnastics Competition. The girls put on an excellent performance in Beam, Floor, Bars and Vault. As a result they were awarded the Team Bronze Medal. A fantastic performance!

Kerryn Gill
Physical Education

LIBRARY HOURS

Monday – Thursday 8.15am to 5.30pm

Friday 8.15am – 4.30pm

Staying open late after school to print, read, browse, research, study, complete homework, etc



SUCCESS STORIES

Year 7 students **Jemo Cevik** and **Agnes Evangelista** have been selected to represent Victoria at the Under 13 Girls Futsal National Championships to be held at Canberra's Australian Institute of Sport in early January 2010. They were chosen from over fifty girls who trialled for the ten player squad.

During the holidays **James Faull** (Year 9) and **Hamish Johnson** (Year 8) competed in the U15 National Lacrosse Championships. Their team, the Victorian Southern Crosse Lacrosse Team, finished in 2nd place in the tournament. James received a Most Valuable Player medal for his performance in one of the games.

Congratulations to all these students on their amazing performances!

Jenny Jones
College Publicity

HOT MIKADO, our hugely successful 2009 production is now on DVD and available for ordering at the very reasonable price of \$20.

The DVD comes complete with a professionally edited version of the performance PLUS a professional photos DVD – a fantastic memory for those involved and those who loved the production.

Order forms can be collected from Mrs Ginsberg in SR3 and money paid to the Bursar.

HELP WANTED
SECOND HAND BOOKSTALL

The buy-back and selling dates for the 2009 Second Hand Book Store are detailed below.

If you are able to help for a few hours from **Friday 19th November**, could you please contact the school and leave your name, phone number and dates and times when you are available?

Remember that volunteers can select second hand books for 2010 before they go on sale. We would certainly appreciate any help you can give.

Geraldine Moloney & Jo Wade
Second Hand Bookstall

SECOND HAND BOOKSTALL DATES

New Venue - T4, enter from Draper Street
Buy-back dates for 2009

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| Year 12 | Fri 13th Nov - Thurs 19th Nov |
| Years 11 | Tue 17th Nov - Thurs 19 Nov |
| Year 10 | Tue 17th Nov & Wed 18th Nov |
| Year 9 | Tue 24th & Wed 25th Nov |
| Years 7 & 8 | Mon 30th November |

Selling dates for 2009

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|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Years 11 & 12 (2010) | Tues 24th Nov |
| Years 9 & 10 (2010) | Fri 27th Nov |
| Years 7 & 8 (2010) | Tue 1st & Wed 2nd Dec |
| Final Day of Selling | Mon 2nd Dec |

Second hand books will be sold at two thirds of the price of new books. Parents will receive 75% of the sale price and the School will retain 25%.

Geraldine Moloney & Jo Wade
Second Hand Bookstall

McKinnon Secondary College presents

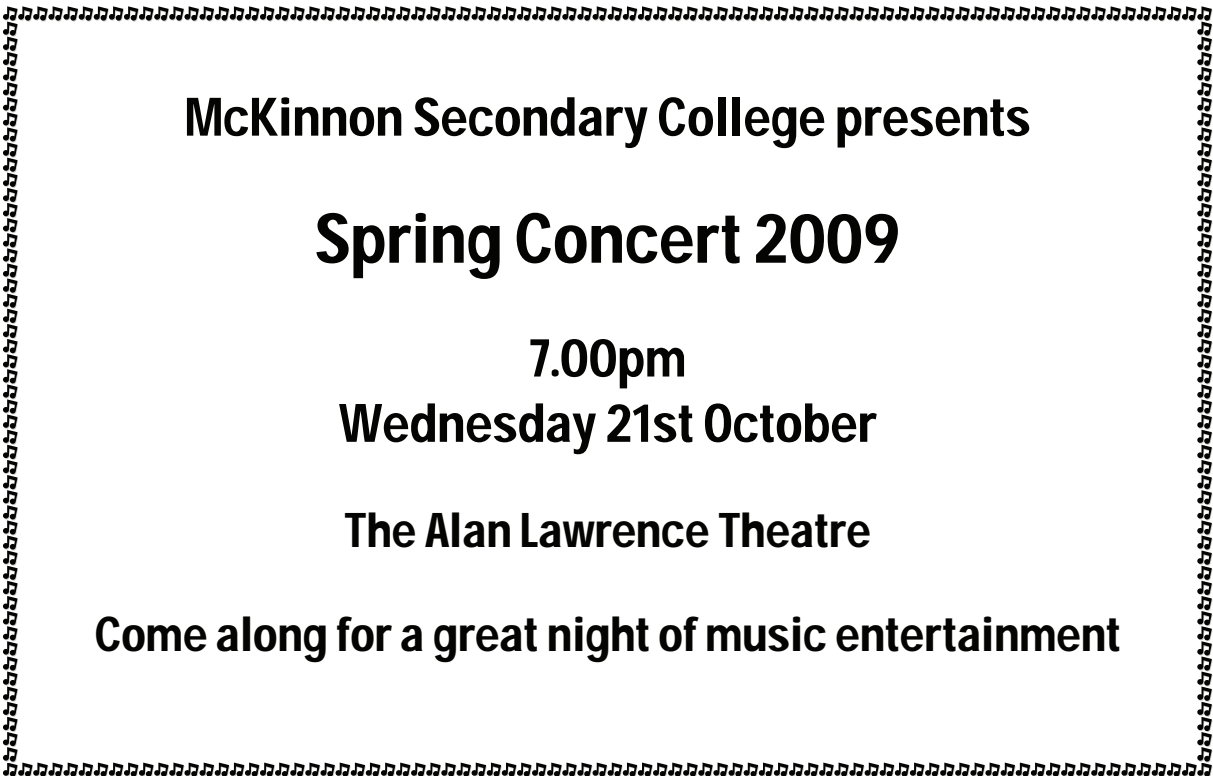
Spring Concert 2009

7.00pm

Wednesday 21st October

The Alan Lawrence Theatre

Come along for a great night of music entertainment



END OF YEAR DATES TO ASSIST PARENTS

Please ensure your child attends school right up until the "final day of school" for your Year level.

| Level | Last day of "Normal" Classes | Exams Start | Exams End | Final day of school |
|-------|------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| 12 | Wednesday 14th Oct | Friday 30th Oct | Thursday 19th Nov | Thursday 15th Oct |
| 11 | Thursday 5th Nov | Monday 9th Nov | Friday 20th Nov | Friday 4th Dec |
| 10 | Wednesday 25th Nov | Monday 16th Nov | Tuesday 17th Nov | Friday 4th Dec |
| 9 | Friday 27th Nov | Monday 23rd Nov | Tuesday 24th Nov | Wednesday 16th Dec |
| 8 | Wednesday 9th Dec | | | Wednesday 16th Dec |
| 7 | Wednesday 9th Dec | | | Wednesday 16th Dec |

Special Dates

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| * Monday 30th Nov - Friday 4th Dec | VCE 2010 Orientation Week |
| * Monday 30th Nov - Tuesday 8th Dec | Year 9 Interviews |
| * Monday 7th December | Rehearsal for Presentation Night (Years 7-11) |
| * Wednesday 9th Dec - Friday 11th Dec | Year 9 Duke of Ed Camp (3 days) |
| * Thursday 10th December & Friday 11th December | Year 7 & 8 Activities Program |
| * Monday 14th December | Report collection (Years 7-11) from 10 -11am |
| * Tuesday 15th December | Rehearsals for Presentation Night (Year 12) |
| * Tuesday 15th December (7pm) | PRESENTATION NIGHT |
| * Wednesday 16th December | Voluntary school clean up day |

Please Note

Years 7, 8 & 9 Reports will not be given out before Monday 14th December under any circumstances.

Peter Thompson
Acting Head of Senior School

Andrew Newton
Assistant Principal

LITERACY SUPPORT VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

We are still looking for enthusiastic people who could volunteer at least one hour per week to assist in our Literacy Support Program. You will be working with the same Junior 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

MCKINNON UNIFORM SHOP

Phone/Fax No: 9578 2151

Normal Shop Trading Hours During Term 4:

Tuesdays 8.15am to 12 noon
Fridays 12.30pm to 4.00pm

EXTRA Shop Trading Hours during NOVEMBER:

WEDNESDAY 4th Nov 8.15am - 12 noon
WEDNESDAY 25th Nov 8.15am - 12 noon

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

COMMUNITY NEWS

Good Shepherd Buying Service



The Buying service is a free statewide telephone service assisting Pension/Health Care card holders and various non-profit community groups to obtain lower prices on household goods and health appliances. In utilising an established and trusted network of traders, the Buying Service is able to negotiate discounted prices on a range of items.

The Buying Service is available to assist with your pricing requests with no obligation to buy. The Buying service is **NOT** a retail outlet.

Tel: 03 9417 4666 Fax: 03 9416 2340
buyingservice@goodshpvc.org.au
www.goodshpvc.org.au/microfinance
Mon - Fri 10am - 3pm

ARE YOU EX NAVY, ARMY, OR AIR FORCE ?

Carry On (Victoria) may be able to help you with education costs if you meet our eligibility criteria.



Carry On (Victoria) assists Secondary School students in Years 7-12 with grants for expenses such as fees, books, uniforms, excursions etc.

Children whose parent/s or legal guardians have a need for financial assistance and comply with our eligibility criteria can apply. All grants are income tested and the closing date for applications is 5 November 2009.

If you have served in Australian Defence Forces or Allied Forces and you wish to apply for a Secondary Education Grant for 2010, please telephone Carry On (03) 9629 2648 to establish eligibility and request an application form.