

NEWSLETTER

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College Mission . . .

Building on a foundation of Christian values, the mission of Aitken College is to enable students to become informed and compassionate members of the wider community by inspiring academic achievement and creativity, nurturing self worth, encouraging environmental responsibility and committing to service with and for others.

Important Diary Dates for 2014

Tue	17 Jun	Report Writing Day (student free)
Fri	27 Jun	Term 2 concludes
Mon	21 Jul	Term 3 commences
Tue	12 Aug	Parent Teacher Interviews (Prep-12)
Thu	21 Aug	Parent Teacher Interviews (Prep-12)
Fri	22 Aug	Professional Learning Day (student free)
Fri	19 Sep	Term 3 concludes
Mon	06 Oct	Term 4 commences
Mon	03 Nov	Mid Term Break
Tue	04 Nov	Melbourne Cup Day Holiday
Fri	21 Nov	Report Writing Day (student free)
Tue	09 Dec	Presentation Night (Years 3 to 12)
Fri	12 Dec	Term 4 concludes

Term dates for 2014

Term 2	22 April	to	27 June
Term 3	21 July	to	19 September
Term 4	6 October	to	12 December

Alumni Reunion – Class of 2004

The 10 Year Reunion of the class of 2004 will be held on **Sunday, 27 July 2014** in the Chapel and Performing Arts Centre Foyer at Aitken College. Refreshments will be provided from 1.30pm to 3.30pm. RSVP: 18/7/14 to admin@aitkencollege.edu.au

Thought: "Think deeply; speak gently; love much; laugh often; work hard; give freely; pay promptly; be kind." Anonymous

From the Principal

It has been a busy time for students and staff, as assessments are completed. For our senior students in Years 10-12, final completion of a subject requires School Assessed Coursework or examinations to be sat. Students completing a Unit 3/4 subject recently sat the VCAA General Achievement Test (GAT). In primary years, student's assessment focuses on progress towards benchmarks. Semester reports will be published on the Community Portal on the last day of term.

In the classroom, students should aim for and achieve the best that they can. As the Aitken College Charter in the school diary outlines, each and every student has the right to learn and each teacher to teach. Students are also encouraged in areas of sport, the arts, community service, leadership training and the establishment of a values base on which to make decisions. So, it is heartening to see student achievements academically and in the broader area of College offerings.

*Mrs Josie Crisara
Principal*

From the Deputy Principal

Primary School Drop-off and Pick-up Restrictions: The road in front of Reception (behind the bus zone) has parking bays for cars with valid disabled stickers only. Other cars must not park in this zone under any circumstances as they hold up buses during peak times. The eastern ring road adjacent to the Primary School is the drop-off and pick-up zone and the Gym Car Park is for "park and stay". Please observe these restrictions.

Uniform: Several uniform and grooming issues have become a concern during this term. These particularly relate to secondary students: girls' skirts must be worn at the correct length which is at the knee cap, long hair below the shoulder must be tied back behind the head, senior boys must be clean shaven and winter parkas must be worn with the blazer underneath. Students are well aware of these requirements, have had many warnings and can expect an after-school detention if failing to comply.

Charter Bus Changes: Families using the charter buses (run by Sunbury Coaches) will be notified of some changes commencing on the first day of Term 3. These changes are to ensure that the charter buses are responding to demand and that all available seats are being used where possible (please note that these services are heavily subsidised by the College). Greenvale families will be serviced by one of two buses commencing in other suburbs.

A new service will cover Mickleham and Craigieburn; families in these suburbs have been invited to express their interest in booking seats on this bus - further details are available from Miss Diana Cohn at the College.

*Mr Kim Forward
Deputy Principal*

Parents and Friends Association News

We had another successful and productive Parents & Friends meeting last week, whilst also enjoying a night out at the Westmeadows Tavern. The Parents & Friends meetings give us a great opportunity to discuss feedback about our events and activities and help to plan for new events that in turn build our community.

Some ideas we are working towards include an outdoor movie night, Fathers Day lazer tag, picture tea-towels/aprons and the Fathers Day stall. Although there is much to organize, these activities should be great fun and very worthwhile.

A big thanks to our constantly hardworking Parents & Friends committee and thank you to all the parents who help and support us on a regular basis. We could not do it without you.

Tree Drive: You would have noticed the wonderful trees that have been planted recently around the school grounds. These are thanks to the Parents & Friends tree drive from last year. A big thank you to all who contributed and 'bought a tree', it is very much appreciated. All trees are drought tolerant natives that are such a welcome addition to help beautify the school grounds.



Kids Reach Out Community (ROC): Do not forget next Wednesday, 18 June is Pyjama Night for Kids ROC and there will be a sausage sizzle! From what we have heard it is going to be a very popular night. Sausages will be available to buy from 5.30pm so come early so you do not miss out! We will also be having hot drinks and cookies for parents to keep warm. See you then!

Community Business Directory: Thank you to all businesses that have advertised in our Community Business Directory. We are sure you will find it a rewarding and worthwhile advertising venture. Please see the end of the newsletter for a complete business listing.

Keep an eye out for upcoming events on our Facebook page, (Aitken College Parents and Friends) and through the newsletter.

Important Dates	
18 June 2014	Kids ROC Pyjama Night in CR1 6.15pm - 7.00pm; BBQ from 5.30pm

*Mrs Siobhan Short
Aitken College Parents & Friends Association*

Brookhill School Notices

All Year 10 and Year 11 students are just finishing their mid-year exams. Formal exams at Years 10 and 11 are an important part of the Aitken College Senior School program. The majority of students who complete VCE will have their ATAR result determined largely by their performance in formal Year 12 VCAA exams. It is important that students use Year 10 and 11 exams to learn exam preparation skills. Some important points that students should be learning from the exam process are:

- How does each student best prepare for formal exams? What forms of study and revision work best for each individual?
- How can each student manage the stress of the exam room? What things should they be doing on the morning of exams to ensure they are in a mental state conducive to optimum performance?
- How to use reading time effectively?
- Exam technique: do you always have to do question 1 first? How do you ensure you don't miss any easy marks?

These ideas, and other important exam preparation tips, are covered in the Elevate Education Study Skills seminar on exam preparation, delivered to all Year 12 VCE students on the annual Year 12 Student Learning Conference. It is worth noting that, while arrangements can be made for exams missed at Year 10 and 11 levels, it is an entirely different matter when it comes to official Unit 3-4 VCAA exams. **Re-sits or make-up exams do not exist at this level.** If a student misses a Unit 3-4 VCAA exam because they stayed home sick, in most cases they will be awarded zero for the exam and have their ATAR score dragged down significantly. It is a harsh reality that illness is not catered for when it comes to VCAA exams. A student who wakes up on the day of an exam feeling sick must just turn up and do their best.

Year 12 Students: The Red Zone! This is the five week period of time from the commencement of Unit 3 studies on Monday, 16 June to the start of Term 3 on Monday, 21 July. **This is the period when Year 12 ATAR scores are made or lost.** After a long and busy semester it is tempting to relax and cruise through the two weeks until the mid-year holiday break. Students who do this **will** struggle to re-motivate themselves over the holiday break; these students will miss five vital weeks of work at a critical time.

All Year 12 students must be aware of this danger zone, right in the middle of their final year at school. I implore all Year 12 students to work the next two weeks as hard as they can and carry this momentum into next term. Five weeks of productive work during this period can give students a huge competitive advantage; there will be time to relax when the work is done!

Piercings, hairstyles and dress length: We remind parents about College expectations and standards regarding piercings, hairstyles, facial hair and dress length:

- I ask parents not to send students to school with piercings, other than a single stud or sleeper through the ear lobe. All other piercings, including clear plastic items, are against the College grooming policy. Students who claim they cannot remove fresh piercings will have to stay home until the piercing can be removed.
- Hairstyles that are exaggerated or designed to attract significant attention are not acceptable. In particular, I refer to hairstyles that are shaved at the sides and much longer on top. Students presenting with hairstyles of this nature will be asked to modify their hairstyles, or stay home until the hair grows out.
- Boys are expected to be clean shaven. Boys presenting with facial hair will be required to shave before being allowed into class.
- Girls' dresses/skirts must reach the bottom of the kneecap. Girls with unacceptably short dresses will be asked to lower the hemline or purchase a dress/skirt with a more acceptable length. Girls persistently presenting with unacceptably short dresses will be removed from class.

***Mr David Murphy
Head of Brookhill***

VCAL News

Throughout this Term the Year 11 and Year 12 VCAL students have been actively engaged with the Duke of Edinburgh voluntary 'Service' commitment. The aim of the voluntary service is based on the belief that members of the community should care for each other and contribute to their community. The service is undertaken substantially in a student's own time and involves a regular commitment averaging at least one hour per week. Previous College participants with the Duke of Edinburgh program have reflected that this voluntary service gave them the most satisfaction. Students show regular commitment and effort but also learn from the experience. Some of the voluntary service the Aitken College VCAL students have been participating in include helping at their local sports centre by coaching junior sporting groups; visiting community groups and helping them; as well as volunteering in the Junior, Physical Education and Performing Arts programs at the College.



Alex helping Prep students



Matthew helping Year 2 students



***Mrs Jenny Lilley
VCAL Co-ordinator***

Glenarthur School Notices

The Middle School play, *Skate*, was an enjoyable production that was attended by good audiences over the two evening and one matinee performances. It is always uplifting to see students challenge themselves while performing in front of family, friends and peers on whatever the stage. Our congratulations and thanks are conveyed to Mr Arthur, the cast, crew and everyone else involved in this year's production.

A fortnight ago at our Assembly, Mr Olivier Diaz, from Warner Youth Education delivered an exceptionally high quality anti-graffiti and anti-vandalism presentation, on behalf of the Hume Council. Olivier's message was delivered in an engaging and entertaining manner and the feedback from the staff and students present was extremely positive. Glenarthur is an integral part of the Aitken College community, while Aitken itself is an important part of the local community. This is why we are keen to ensure that all students recognise the role they can play in helping to safeguard and look after the local community by not engaging in such anti-social behaviour. Just as importantly, they can be proactive in stopping others from doing so. Ultimately the local community will be the beneficiary both financially and aesthetically.

With final assessment tasks well underway and report writing upon us, we would like to say a special thank you to the Glenarthur Homeroom teachers who have worked hard throughout the first semester to set the tone for what has been a positive and productive year for the students, to date.

***Mr Tim Agnew & Mrs Elpis Vlahopoulos
Head and Assistant Head of Glenarthur***

Dunhelen School Notices

We are nearing the end of Term 2 and I am sure many of the students have been busy doing homework, studying for tests and completing assignments. This is a very busy period in Dunhelen and we encourage all students to keep up the good work. Semester One reports will be available through the Parent Portal on the last day of Term 2, Friday, 27 June.

A reminder to all parents that Report Writing Day is on Tuesday, 17 June; students are not required at school on this day. Please remind students, however, that we will be completing work until the end of term, so behavior and work ethic is to remain positive.

Congratulations to all Dunhelen students on their appearance. They are wearing their uniform with pride and displaying wonderful behavior. Keep it up, Dunhelen.

*Mrs Francis Scuderi & Mr Ben Prentice
Head and Assistant Head of Dunhelen*

Cumberland School Notices

Further to my last Newsletter article that was related to building resilience in our students, I feel that it is also important to talk about developing tolerance and acceptance. Cumberland is a community within Aitken College and includes students, parents and staff. The vision of the College includes the image of a triangle where students, parents and teachers work together. In order for us to achieve the maximum benefits of this partnership we all should be working in harmony. It saddens me when I hear members of our community talking down to others and not treating everyone as equal. Below is a quote entitled *How to Teach Acceptance of Diversity With Children* by Oubria Tronshaw, eHow Contributor. I feel this quote has a powerful meaning and is a gentle reminder of the young minds we are shaping.

Children are a reflection of the ideas, words and thoughts of the adults who shape their lives. Because children live in a diverse world, it's crucial that adults demonstrate tolerance and the acceptance of diversity so the children will do the same. Exercise loving kindness toward people of all religions, races, cultures and genders, regardless of sexual orientation, physical handicap and economic status. Show children that life is a rainbow of many colors.

As always, our recent visit to the MSO was very entertaining and educational. The presenters have a special talent in introducing the different members of the Orchestra to the students. On Tuesday our final House Assembly was conducted by our House Captains. I would like to thank all captains for their support and willingness to go the extra mile in organising and managing the assemblies. We have had a few 'technical' hiccups but nothing that was unable to be fixed! Our final assembly for this term will be hosted by our School Captains and we wish them well in their preparation.

*Mr Ashley Penny
Head of Cumberland*

Fairview School Notices

The Wise Woman's Stone: A wise woman who was travelling in the mountains found a precious stone in a stream. The next day she met another traveller who was hungry, and the wise woman opened her bag to share her food. The hungry traveller saw the precious stone and asked the woman to give it to him. She did so without hesitation. The traveller left, rejoicing in his good fortune. He knew the stone was worth enough to give him security for a lifetime. But a few days later he came back to return the stone to the wise woman. "I have been thinking," he said, "I know how valuable the stone is, but I give it back in the hope that you can give me something even more precious. Give me what you have within you that enabled you to give me the stone." **Author Unknown**

After reading this passage, I had so many thoughts of all the children and adults who are selfless in so many beautiful ways. That there are many passages in the Bible of such generosity; the poor widow (Mk 12:41-44), the good Samaritan (Lk 10:30-37), love your neighbour (Matt 22:37-39). Generosity is not measured by the amount we donate; but truly our actions, and what is in our heart. We regularly say to the children - treat others the way you want to be treated. An easy and simple way to live!

Head Lice: Please inform your child's Homeroom teacher of all head lice cases. The only way to control headlice is to inform and educate parents. Ensure you check your child's hair for head lice at regular intervals.

Please note the following:

- Prep and Year 1 children are required to bring a spare change of underwear, socks and trackpants/shorts (blue or green) to school
- The children are required to bring gumboots and slippers to school. Please ensure that the slippers are appropriate (not slip on slippers) and a plain colour/design e.g. blue, green. Novelty slippers are not permitted to be worn at school.
- Please return all lost property to Sick Bay. It is imperative that all clothing items are labelled clearly with the child's name.
- Preparatory School children are not permitted to visit the canteen before school begins. We only encourage lunch time purchases.

*Ms Kerrie Neophytou
Head of Fairview*

Chaplain's Corner

As the term draws to an end, there is so much to do in such a short space of time. Three weeks of holidays is in our sights and will give us the energy to get through all that needs to be done before the end of term; then we can stop for a while and just unwind. It is necessary to do the unwinding after a period of pressure, in order to prepare for the next part of our journey. Sleep-ins and little to do for the first week of the holidays is highly recommended; breaking away from the usual routine is good for the soul. If we do not take the necessary rest and relaxation then we will not be able to give our all to the next term, so please do give yourselves the opportunity to care for yourself these holidays.

We will be keeping you all in our prayers over the next two weeks.

*Rev Jeanne Beale
Chaplain*

Careers News

Careers: We have now completed careers classes with the Year 10 students. Students who were absent for the class where the Career Voyage program was completed will be followed up individually. All Year 10 students are completing a mini careers research project where they choose a job which interests them and, using readily available resources, conduct appropriate, effective and detailed career research. This will assist them with making wise career decisions in the future. In class students were told there are two components to undertaking "good" career research. The first is to understand yourself – your interests, abilities and values. The second is to understand the resources available for career research and to be able to use those resources effectively. Everyone can be good at career research, it really depends on how much time and energy students are prepared to commit to the process.

Career News 8 is now available and contains information about a new Biosecurity degree at Box Hill, RMIT Experience Days, Medical Radiations scholarships, a change to the entry requirements for Laboratory Science at RMIT, a You Tube video released by RMIT to assist students who are applying for art and design courses, ACU Experience Days, Monash Art, Design and Architecture Folio Building Workshops, studying IT at Deakin and much more. The following link will take you to the careers newsletter: <http://www.aitkencollege.edu.au/educational-programs/careers/careers-newsletter/>

Do not forget that Ms Gibbs and Mrs Borg are available to help students with any questions they might have about careers, courses and pathways. Please come and see us in Room B21 at the Careers Centre or telephone us on 9333 1866 or email your concerns or queries to careers@aitkencollege.edu.au.

*Mrs Clare Borg and Ms Rae Gibbs
Careers Advisers*

e-Learning News

Aitken Genius Bar Visit to Apple Highpoint: Aitken students run their very own version of the Apple Genius Bar at lunchtimes where students can go for assistance if they have any problems with their iPads. Ten very excited Aitken students visited the Apple Store at Highpoint on 3 June to receive some special training from Apple technical staff. This was the very first 'technical' field trip that the Highpoint Store has run for students and we were met with cheers from the staff and customers as we entered the store. Aitken students had the chance to ask questions of the experts as well as learning many useful tips and tricks. Students learnt a great deal from the "Apple Tech Ninjas" and had a thoroughly enjoyable time!



*Mrs Jayne Boon
Director of eLearning*

Environmental Programs News

2014 Coastal Ambassadors	
Claire Menzies	Year 5
Sebastian Mafriqi	Year 5
Dylan Wijanayake	Year 5
Francesca Songcuan	Year 6
Declan Saunders	Year 6

We would like to congratulate the following students for their continued efforts as, not only Environment Monitors, but also as selected participants in the Phillip Island Coastal Ambassadors Program. These students have recently embarked on an exciting environmental leadership journey, earning their Aitken Environment Badges at their most recent Cumberland Assembly.

In March students participated in an excursion to Phillip Island where they began developing an action plan to implement at Aitken College. Since then, the ambassadors have come up with some great ideas to tackle waste issues at school. Next term, they will be implementing their action plan across the College, with the help of Year 12 Environment Captains, Alycia Manuel and Elissa Ozenc.

As part of the Kids Teaching Kids Program, in September they will travel, once again, to Phillip Island where they will present the results of their Coastal Ambassadors Action Plan to groups of students across Victoria. We will be sure and keep you informed of the progress of their Action Plan!



Ms Cristy Herron
Head of Environmental Programs

Performing Arts News



Always leading by example, it was wonderful to see our Primary Performing Arts Co-ordinator, Ms Thomson, with the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra, demonstrating her tambourine techniques last week. The students from Prep to Year 5 certainly represented the College extremely well and learnt a great deal about the orchestra while having great fun.

Within our Performing Arts events, we often seek to expose the students and our audiences to examples of performance they may not usually experience.

College Musical: This year's College Musical is one such example. Originally, written as an album in 1969, then developed into a concert stage show and movie, *The Who's Tommy* did not evolve into a stage musical until the 1990s. Spanning more than twenty-three years, the story commences during World War Two, when Captain Walker leaves his new bride to fight in the war. Mrs Walker bears a son, Tommy, before her husband is reported missing, presumed dead. Mrs Walker and the young Tommy try to move on with their lives and Mrs Walker is ready to re-marry when Captain Walker returns. After a disagreement, Tommy witnesses the accidental murder of his mother's fiancé at the hand of his father. The shock sends him into a state of catatonia and, after Walker is clear of the murder, his parents spend many years seeking a cure for his affliction.



All appears lost until Tommy reveals an uncanny talent for the game of pinball and his notoriety spreads. When his faculties are restored, Tommy is hailed as a living miracle. He sets about catching up on all that he has missed and re-discovering a relationship with his parents and extended family. The musical features a nine-piece rock band, a cast of forty, multi-media elements, five different pinball machines plus many memorable songs which featured on the singles charts of the day. Come on the *Amazing Journey* with us for five performances only commencing on Friday, 1 August. Tickets are now available from <http://www.trybooking.com/EKUV> or by following the links from the College website. Ticket prices are \$27.50 Adults, \$22.00 Concession or Family of Four \$88.80 (plus 30c per ticket booking fee).

Parental guidance is advised for this production which draws on and explores the culture and society of the 1940s to 1960s, all presented while still keeping a school audience in mind.

The process of compiling the program for this year's show is underway and we would like to offer *advertising space* to businesses associated with the College. Prices are Logo/Business Card Display (\$55.00 inc. gst), Quarter-Page (\$137.50) or Half-Page (\$220.00). Those taking out a quarter-page will be offered two free tickets to opening night while those taking a half-page will receive four free tickets to opening night. Those interested should email artwork to mcooper@aitkencollege.edu.au by the final week of term (Monday, 23 June) and an invoice will be issued.

Mr Michael Cooper
Director of Performing Arts

Physical Education News

GPPSSA Year 5/6 Interschool Sport: Term 2 began with the conclusion of the summer interschool sport finals. Well done to all of the Aitken students who participated in the competition. All should be commended on their efforts and fantastic sportsmanship. Congratulations to the girl's volleyball team who will now go on and represent the district at the Woodlands Division Finals in Term 4. Results from the finals were:

Girls Softball	Champions	Aitken 15 homeruns drew Westmeadows 15 homeruns
Boys Softball	Runners-Up	Westmeadows 14 homeruns defeated Aitken 12 homeruns
Mixed Kanga Cricket	Runners-Up	Westmeadows 119 runs defeated Aitken 87 runs
Girls Basketball	3rd	
Boys Basketball	Runners-Up	Westmeadows 25 points defeated Aitken 16 points
Girls Volleyball	Champions	Aitken 2 sets defeated Westmeadows 0 sets
Mixed Volleyball	6th	

Interschool sport will continue this term with selected students representing Aitken in the winter competition. Students in Year 5 and Year 6 will be participating in weekly round robin sport on Fridays in touch rugby, soccer, netball and handball. Parents are welcome to come and watch their children participate. Below is a list of sport dates and venues.

Winter Sports Competition Terms 2 & 3 (9.00am - 11.00am)

Round	Date	Competition School	Venue
Round 2	Friday June 13	Gladstone Park v Aitken College	Gladstone Park Primary School
Round 3	Friday June 20	Aitken College v Gladstone Views	Aitken College
Round 4	Friday August 1	Westmeadows v Aitken College	Westmeadows Primary School
Round 5	Friday August 8	Aitken v School of Good Sheppard	Aitken College
Round 6	Friday August 15	Aitken College v Sirius College	Aitken College
Finals	Friday September 5	TBA	TBA

*Ms Brigitte Seivers
Primary Sports Co-ordinator*

School Sports Victoria Athletics Carnival: On a beautiful Friday 30 May approximately 90 students participated in the Athletics Carnival for School Sports Victoria at Meadowglen International Athletics Stadium. The unusual warm weather only made the day more enjoyable and competitive for students from the Woodlands Division.

Aitken College finished in second place on 2,984 points behind Gladstone Park Secondary College on 3,136 points and Hume Anglican Grammar finished in third place on 2,508 points. All students competed and did their best with many outstanding results. Special mention to the following students who were named as champions for their age level. They are:

Nathan Andersen	13 year Field Champion and 13 year Overall Champion
Erin Stannard	14 year Overall Champion
Ryan Menzies	15 year Track Champion
Alexander Hunter	15 year Field Champion and 15 year Overall Champion
Marcello Varrasso	16 year Track Champion and 16 year Overall Champion
Jessica Andersen	17 year Field Champion and 17 year Overall Champion
Timothy Barresi	17 year Overall Champion
Sarah Cachia	18 year Track Champion



On 11 September, 30 students will progress to the Northern Metropolitan Region Finals in either individual or relay events which will be held at Meadowglen International Athletics Stadium. A big thank you to Mr Mackrell, Mr Taylor and Mrs Draper for your help on the day.

School Sports Victoria Year 7 Sports Day: On Monday, 2 June students from Year 7 represented Aitken College in the School Sports Victoria Woodlands Division Term 2 round robin day. They competed against a number of different schools within the district. The results from the day are:

Boys Soccer

Game	School	Score (goals)	Result
1	Mount Ridley Secondary College	4-1	Won
2	Gladstone Park Secondary College	0-0	Draw
3	Hume Central Secondary College	4-0	Won
4	Roxburgh Park Secondary College	1-0	Won

Girls Netball

Game	School	Score (points)	Result
1	Craigieburn Secondary College	8-5	Won
2	Gladstone Park Secondary College	4-11	Lost
3	Mount Ridley Secondary College	17-8	Won
4	Roxburgh Park Secondary College	11-15	Lost

Boys AFL

Game	School	Score (scores)	Result
1	Mount Ridley Secondary College	6-5=41 1-1=7	Won
2	Gladstone Park Secondary College	4-1=25 0-4=4	Won
3	Hume Central Secondary College	5-7=37 4-3=27	Won
4	Roxburgh Park Secondary College	8-0=48 1-2=8	Won

It was fantastic to see that we had many students participating in the Year 7 sports day. Congratulations to the Boys AFL team who will progress to the Northern Metropolitan Regionals on 14 August. Students and parents can keep up to date with the latest information, sports dates and rules, via the School Sports Victoria website: www.ssv.vic.edu.au.

*Mrs Natalie McNamara
Interscholar Sports Co-ordinator*

School Name OSHC Phone: 0401 050 498 **Co-ordinator:** Olanda Fabiano

OSHC NEWS



It is the beginning of winter so for the coming week we have decided to explore this season and its many interesting attributes such as snow flakes, snow balls, ice skating and environmental impact. We will recreate, play with and learn about winter.

Last week we enjoyed celebrating world environment day, Indian culture (made some delicious flatbreads) and we also enjoyed some dinosaur crafts and activities.



*Spencer, Cooper, Darcy - cooking flatbreads
Brock and Oliver - and their new ford Ute*

REMINDERS

How to get started: Before using our programs you must register online for an account. Registering is quick and easy. Visit our website to begin www.campaustralia.com.au

Once registered you can make bookings and cancellations, view your statements and manage your details anytime of the day online. Keep in mind we are able to take bookings at short notice to help busy families.

Save on Care: You can save 50% or more on Before and After School Care fees with the **non-means tested** Child Care Rebate. Almost all families are eligible. To find out more call our Customer Service Team on 1300 105 343 Monday to Friday.

Holiday Clubs

The winter holiday programs are open for bookings so to register visit www.campaustralia.com.au or alternatively information and flyer are available at the program.

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

AFTER SCHOOL CARE

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Public Holiday	Outdoor play Snow flakes Winter activity Sheets Puzzles Homework Computers	Cooking Snow balls Sporting games Beading Board games Quiet space Homework	Movie - Frozen Ice skating Craft Kitchenette Train/town set Computers Homework Blocks	Drawing/colouring Winter motifs Lumes and Scoobies Game boards Activity sheets Reading

**Please note that some activities/menu will be subject to change and that some activities may occur more than once. Children guide the choices.*

WEEKLY MENU

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
A.M Milk, Milo Cereal Toast	A.M Milk, Milo Cereal Toast	A.M Milk, Juice Toast Cereal	A.M Milk, Milo Toast Cereal	A.M Milk, Milo Toast Cereal
P.M Fruit Sandwiches Sweet biscuits Rice crackers	P.M Fruit Sandwiches Sweet biscuits Rice crackers	P.M Fruit Spaghetti Snow balls (cooking)	P.M Sandwiches Vegetables Cheese Dip Rice crackers	P.M Fruit Crackers and spreads Dried fruit Corn chips

**PARENTS & FRIENDS ASSOCIATION
COMMUNITY BUSINESS DIRECTORY 2014 FUNDRAISER**

email: admin@aitkencollege.edu.au

The Community Business Directory for 2014 is rapidly growing. You still have time to purchase a space and promote your business! Please complete the attached form and return with your payment to the Accounts Office as soon as possible.

This fundraiser will be used by the Parents & Friends Association to improve the College environment, facilities and equipment, for the benefit of all our students. Aitken families (and friends) may purchase a space for \$50.00 to promote their business in the 2014 Community Business Directory. This is a very inexpensive way to advertise your business for a twelve month period.

Current bookings include:

BREAST PROSTHESIS AND LINGERIE FITTING SERVICE

Sensational Solutions for Women

This is a mobile breast prosthesis and lingerie fitting service, for women who have undergone surgery for breast cancer (mastectomy). Helping women gain a better quality of life after breast surgery.

Contact details: Kerry Martin
☎ 54284 364 m: 0417 119 748
✉ kerrymartin-2011@bigpond.com

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Commercial Edge

Fitout Project Management and Design – Commercial Edge will design and construct any interior space.

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☎ 9331 7047 m: 0411 706 903
✉ www.commercialedge.com.au
✉ josephm@commercialedge.com.au

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Dream Light Candles

Scented Soy Candles – these locally produced candles are hand made using high quality fragrant oils and natural soy wax – 18 fragrances are available in 12-33 hour burn time and 6-pack tea light candles.

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☎ m: 0418 529 463
✉ dreamlightcandles65@gmail.com

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Trenz Boutique – Ladies Fashion

Designer labels, including Australian and overseas designers; Sizes 8–20. Trenz was established in 1987.

Contact details: Teresa Biner
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 📧 tjbin8@bigpond.com

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Supplier of Aitken College school uniforms

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 🌐 www.enviefitness.com.au
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Handyman, Property Maintenance

Contact details: Richard Robinson
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Bodyworx Massage Therapy

Airport West Clinic “Experience Chiropractic”

Myotherapy and remedial massage, proactive pain and stress management. HICAPS health fund rebates available. Our treatments are discounted by \$10 for Aitken College community.

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Melting Moments Massage

Hi, my name is Xzavia Green. I have completed Certificate IV in massage therapy. I'm offering discounted rates for Aitken parents - at my home or yours - \$30 for a 1-hour Relaxation Massage; \$40 for a 1-hour Deep Tissue Massage; an extra \$5 if I come to you. Flexible hours, give me a call.

Contact details: Xzavia Green
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Edge Commercial Interiors

Manufacturers of architectural joinery, commercial and office furniture, and work stations.

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Thank you to all the above service providers for sending in your advertisements. Let's make 2014 the best ever Business Directory!

Yours sincerely

Siobhan Short

President

Aitken College Parents & Friends Association



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Many families in the Aitken College community manage or own a business. As a fundraiser the Parents & Friends Association are compiling a Community Business Directory to provide a way in which we can support each other in buying local and helping your business.

The Business Directory is being updated for the 2014 school year and appears on the College website in a searchable format and as a pdf document. All money raised will be used by the Parents & Friends Association to improve the environment, facilities and equipment of the College, to benefit our children.

Aitken families may purchase a space, promoting their business, in the Community Business Directory for \$50.00. This is a very inexpensive way to advertise your business for a twelve month period. If you would like to participate in this exciting initiative, please complete the section below and return it to the Accounts office with your payment.

Yours sincerely

Siobhan Short

President
Aitken College Parents & Friends Association

AITKEN COLLEGE PARENTS & FRIENDS ASSOCIATION COMMUNITY BUSINESS DIRECTORY 2014 - \$50.00 PER SPACE (Please complete and return with your payment via Accounts office as soon as possible)

FAMILY NAME: _____

PHONE: _____ MOBILE: _____

EMAIL: _____

BUSINESS NAME: _____

BUSINESS TYPE: _____

BUSINESS ADDRESS: _____

POSTCODE: _____

BUSINESS PHONE NUMBER: _____ BUSINESS MOBILE: _____

BUSINESS WEBSITE: _____

BUSINESS DESCRIPTION: (50 words or less)

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