

Winter Uniform Changeover

A reminder to all students that they are to be in winter uniform from the first day of Term 2.

Please note that wearing the college tie with a plain white shirt is no longer compulsory. Students may elect to wear the college tie with a plain white shirt or students may wear the college short or long sleeved polo shirt.

The only jacket which may be worn to, from and at school is the college Kea jacket.

The uniform shop is open from 8.15 am to 9.15 am on Tuesday and 3.00 pm to 4.00 pm on Thursday.

Working Bee

A huge thank you to the hard working group of parents and students who supported our Term 1 Working Bee last Sunday. An enormous amount of cleaning up, weeding, planting of new plants around the PAC, mulching and painting was completed.

This will show the school in a good light at our 50th anniversary celebrations this weekend and at other official functions in the future.

Wayne Speck - Assistant Principal

7D Class Report

We are very happy to have started at Ashwood College and have enjoyed the event so far.

The Dual Stream combination of Main Lessons and other subjects / electives is great and being in a composite class means we can sometimes ask an 8D student for help if we are stuck.

After a few weeks we are becoming more familiar with the layout and other students. We love being with our friends and making new ones means we can't wait to come to school each day.

We are finding there is a need to be organised in ourselves and to meet others in our High School world thoughtfully and to be constructive and active learners.

Our Class Captains are Georgia Greenwood and Joe Cox. Go Ashwood Dual Stream!

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CURRICULUM DAY
MONDAY 3RD MARCH
STUDENTS ARE NOT
REQUIRED AT SCHOOL

			Diary Dates:
Saturday	1st	March	Ashwood College 50th Anniversary Celebration
Monday	3rd	March	Curriculum Day - Pupil Free day
Friday	7th	March	Yr 7, 9, & 10 girls HPV Immunization
Monday	10th	March	Labour Day

Yr 9 Outdoor and Environmental Studies Surfing Excursion

Last Friday the Year 9 Outdoor and Environmental Studies class embarked upon their first day excursion, which was to Ocean Grove for Surfing. Previously the students had proven their skills in the Wave Pool at Monash Aquatic and Recreation Centre and so they were confident and ready to go.

Even though the weather was very windy and a little on the chilly side, the conditions for surfing were excellent. There were some great waves for the beginner surfers to learn on and then there were some larger waves out the back for the more experienced. The students had a great day catching the waves with most students standing up and riding the waves in to shore. Check out the photos as evidence!

A big thank you to Mr Young and Mr Wolf (American Student Teacher) for their assistance on the day.

Our next excursion coming up is a half day Kayaking trip on Friday March 14th from 8:00am until 1:00pm on the Yarra River at Westerfolds Park.

'Til next time.....

***Melissa Worth - Yr 9 Outdoor and Environmental
Studies Teacher***

Swimming Carnival Report

The rain clouds were evident with a cool arctic breeze which blanketed the Hollywood Oscars writers' strike this year. We were lucky that the strike was lifted and the show could go on. The weather was far from perfect but they came as their own alter egos, ranging from Amy Winehouse to Cinderella.

Wednesday, 20th February was the day of rain coats and umbrellas, but this did not stop the efforts of all the staff and a number of the students. I heard from a student that it was warmer in the water!! Maybe, more students should have swum to keep warm!! It was a fantastic effort for all who did swim.

Congratulations goes to all other students who simply 'had a go' and got points for their House. There was House rivalry between all teams with Bunjil (Green) coming 4th; Balayang (Yellow) 3rd; Waang (Red) in 2nd place and Berimul (Blue) winning on the day. Students were able to gain house points for all swimming events and also for non swimming events including marshal assistance, also for the best dressed outfit on the day. The best dressed winner was Felicity Hogg coming as Cinderella.

Students who won their events or who had the fastest times and received a form go to District Swimming which is being held today, Thursday 28th February, at Ringwood Aquatic Center. I would like to thank all the students who swam and the staff for all their hard work through such conditions.

Interschool sport: there are a number of sporting days coming up - Year 8 on Wednesday, 5th March; Intermediate (Years 9 and 10) on 17th March. For all the Year 7 Students, we haven't forgotten about you, your sports day is in the 1st week of Term 2 on 11th April.

Iain Rowe - Sports Coordinator

Parent/Tutor Support for ESL Students.

Are there any parents who would be willing to offer in class support to ESL students? This English support is very valuable to ESL students in language-based subjects other than English, eg. Biology, Woodwork etc. Support within English classes is also welcome.

Please contact Deborah Morrison at the college on 9807 1333 or by email; morrison.deborah.s@edumail.vic.gov.au

Community Development Program

The workshops are titled “ GETTING ON WITH IT” ...being a mum/dad/parent, before and after separation.

Workshops held Thursday evenings 6.00pm - 9pm: parenting skills throughout the separation & divorce. Communication skills, conflict resolution & self care.

Sessions exclusively for men (February 28, 2008) & women (May 29, 2008) & one workshop of combined genders (June 26, 2008). NO COST. Call Yvonne or Francesca at the Craig Family Centre on 9885 7789.

7C Class Report

The following comments have been written by a number of 7C students about their first few weeks at Ashwood College. They have all had very happy experiences and are rising to new challenges of bringing their diaries to class, remembering locker combinations and being in class on time.

What a happy, positive group of students! Can you match the **student** with the **comment**?

1	I like Sport and PE.
2	I have made more friends and learned my way around.
3	...everything is different. Homework is hard... having friends is good.
4	It's good to have your own books and subjects. The canteen is good.
5	I wish our lockers were bigger and recess and lunch were 10 minutes longer.
6	On the first day of school I was nervous because I only knew one person ...
7	I have enjoyed making new friends. I hope I do well and get a good Report.
8	I have to learn to get to class on time.
9	Having ... as a teacher. She's cool!
10	This school has a canteen! Food!
11	...Having different teachers and different subjects.
12	I like having my own locker so I don't get stuff taken.
13	I have heaps of friends now and I've been having a great time!
14	The library has more books than primary school and is very good!
15	... getting to try new things and meeting new people. I love it!

Magaret Szabo - 7C Home Group Teacher

PILATES

TRY YOUR FIRST CLASS FOR FREE

Tuesday, 7.30-8.30pm

Parkhill Primary School Hall, Parkhill Drive, Ashwood. Mel: 60 K9

Thursday, 9.30-10.30am

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**SCHOOL COUNCIL
FUNDRAISING SUB-COMMITTEE**

Dear Parents

Welcome back to school and welcome to all the new families. We are trying something new at Ashwood by starting up a fundraising committee. As you all know we have a new fabulous Performing Arts Centre which we need to raise funds for.

I'm Judy Westmore and have two boys at Ashwood, one in Year 9 and the other in Year 7.

If you are interested in joining the committee, assisting in fundraising activities, or have any ideas for fundraising, please fill in and return the form below to your child's Home Group teacher, or call me on 9885 5872 / 0425727710.

Thanks

Judy Westmore - Fundraising Committee

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Name:.....Phone No.....

Yes, I am interested in joining the committee tick

Yes, I am interested in assisting in fundraising activities tick

Suggested Activities

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Ashburton Primary School

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Sunday 16 March 2008

10 am - 4 pm