

The Term at a Glance

What a busy and productive twelve weeks this has been!

The annual College House Athletics were held early in the term. Yet again this year, Berrimul (Blue) House won and congratulations to the entire team for their efforts. As a teacher assigned to Berrimul for many years, I can let you into their ‘secret’. It is not because they happen to be blessed with the most outstanding athletes or that they get to pick the best of the crop. The simple answer is: they make sure that they have competitors in virtually every single event. Easy, isn’t it? Simply have a go!

Many students were involved in the various sporting events that form the inter-school program and the Drama and Music departments filled lunchtimes and hours after school with rehearsals and performances.

Of course, not all learning takes place within the classroom! Ashwood College students attended various excursions which included: the Jewish Holocaust Centre, the Melbourne Magistrates Courts, Loddon Prison, Melbourne Museum, Parliament House, Melbourne Wildlife Sanctuary, just to name a few.

Towards the end of the term, there was the hectic dash to complete work requirements and Years 10, 11 and 12 students revised and prepared for the mid –year exams. All of this, of course, culminated in hours devoted to report writing by teachers.

The corridor in the second building has been strangely empty and quiet the past week and a half and that is mainly due to the fact that the Year 10 students are on Work Experience; hopefully learning much about the demands of employment and clarifying their ideas about their own future career aspirations.

Learning is continuous throughout life and our teachers, just like our students, continue to increase their

knowledge, training and expertise. Almost all of our staff attended after school Anaphylaxis training so they will be well prepared should an emergency situation arise. A number of others updated their First Aid Certificates and many staff have attended various Professional Development programs.

I would like to thank all members of the Ashwood College community for their contributions, hard work and continuous efforts. I wish them a safe and relaxing holiday so that they come back refreshed and ready to tackle the challenges of Term 3.

Anna Kukuruzovic - Acting Assistant Principal

New General Office Hours

Mon - Thursday 8.15 am - 4.30pm
Fri - 8.15am - 4.00pm

Ashwood College presents:
The Battle of the Bands
Who is hot? Who is not



Let the showdown begin!
18-21 August 2008

Diary Dates:

Friday	27	June	Casual Dress Day (Gold Coin Donation)
			Last day of Term (Students dismissed at 2.30pm)
Saturday	28	June	Permaculture Garden Club 10am - 12 Noon (All Welcome)
Monday	14	July	First Day Term 3
Thursday	17	July	TIS Event Yr 12 Students

Aerosol Sprays

At Ashwood College students are encouraged to maintain high standards of grooming and personal hygiene. Certainly there are peak times after recess and lunch when there is an almost overwhelming cocktail of perfumes, sprays and scents floating through the corridors.

However, because of safety reasons, from the start of Term 3, only roll-on deodorants may be brought to school.

All aerosol spray cans will be banned from Ashwood College as of the start of Term 3.

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Eight New Chickens

Eight more chickens were brought in from CERES Environment Park in Brunswick to the Ashwood College Permaculture Food Garden. They're all sorts - no particular breed. The 4 original inhabitants were a bit put out and were huddling around the water, but so far I've only seen a few minor squabbles. Some of the new chooks look quite spectacular, so please come and have a look soon!

The first chookdome is now complete and will need to be moved in about 2 weeks. The chooks are very visible from outside the garden on the Wetland side. It'll be interesting to see if they settle down to lots of egg laying!

Mariette - Permaculture Garden Coordinator




ESL Parent Tutors

To all those parents who have been working with our ESL students this semester – we thank you very, very much. The students and their teachers appreciate your valuable time, effort and support. You have made a huge difference to the students' confidence and progress.

If there are any more interested parents who would be willing to offer in-class support to ESL students, please contact Deborah Morrison at the college on 9807 1333 or by email; morrison.deborah.s@edumail.vic.gov.au.

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.

Deborah Morrison - English/ESL Coordinator.



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