

# **MADHATTERS CONCERT 2008**



**Diary Dates:**

<b>Friday</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>November</b>	VCE re – enrolment day Year 11 & 12, 2009
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>December</b>	Year 9 & 10 re– enrolment day, 2009
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>December</b>	Presentation Night
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>December</b>	Year 8, 2009 re – enrolment

## Year 10 Drama: 4 Brief Cases

### **In case you missed it...**

**Year 10 Performance night: 4 Brief Cases**

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> November, 2008**

With their trusty briefcases in hand, the Year 10 Drama class performed their group devised scenes in front of a large audience of Ashwood students, staff, parents and friends. Broken into four interpretations of two plays, *The Ballad of Louis Ryan* by Andrew Bovell, and *Spies* by Ken Campbell, the student's used symbolism, non-naturalism and slapstick comedy, whilst choreographing rhythmic, movement-based montage's using briefcases. Apart from some back-stage madness (the line "where is MY briefcase!?" was heard on many occasions) and some frantic improvisation, the night ran very smoothly and the show was well received by the audience. Some stand-out moments were the all-too familiar family disputes in *Tree* and *Empire*, the double crossing chaos of *Snitch* (if only they could open that briefcase...), Tina Tran in her panda bear outfit, Nicole MacNally's hysterical and slightly disturbing performance as Consuela Von Lichen...something... and Joe Zhou and his entertaining tarantula owner.

Congratulations to all the students for the effort and energy they put into their rehearsals and performance. Special credit should go to Gwen Mould, Michael Morony, Stef Farmer and Sean Elder for their assistance in choreographing the group rhythmic sequences, Jess Sawkins for keeping Sean Spring under control and Brad Costin for his excellent lighting. Thank you to Kerrie Croft, Felica Mundell, Dale Wain, Mel Worth and Shane Duggan for their support on the night – and to all those that came along to watch. *4 Brief Cases* was an absolute pleasure to present and very rewarding for all those involved.

Case closed.

**Joe Murphy— Performance Director**

## **Year 8 Girls Group**

10 girls from Year 8 were given the opportunity to take part in a 4 week program that focused on self esteem, communication, self worth, strength and purpose. The sessions took part for a double period each Friday over the month of November.

An aim of the program was to promote friendships amongst the girls through fun and engaging activities and promote social skills.

The program was run by Fiona Keech the Adolescent Health Nurse at Ashwood College with volunteer Youth Workers, Kylie and Rebecca. The session times were alternated each week to avoid disruption to the curriculum.

This program will be run again each term in 2009 with different girls in each group.

**Fiona Keech—Adolescent Health Nurse**

## **Year 10 Outdoor and Environmental Studies Term 4**

It has been a busy term for the Year 10 Outdoor and Environmental Studies classes. We finished Term 3 with Kayaking on the Yarra River, Warrandyte in beautiful weather. This term started off with Mountain Biking at Lysterfield Park. Then we went in to preparation for the Overnight Hike. The students were extremely prepared and organised for the Overnight Hike and they should have got a lot out of their two day experience. It was a great achievement. To finish off the term we had surfing trip down to Torquay and Ocean Grove, a lot of fun was had by all.

It has been a sensational Semester, and one I hope the students will remember.

Thank you to all staff that have assisted over the Semester including Mr Duggan, Mr Pimlott, Mr Sheehan, Mr Young, Mr Murphy, Mr Booth and Mr Walsh. Check out the photos!!

*Melissa Worth—Yr 10 Outdoor and Environmental Studies*

## **Footwear**

A reminder to existing and new families that at Ashwood College the only acceptable student footwear is Black Lace up 'School' shoes. This means that T-bars for girls are no longer permitted. Nor are ballet slippers, fashion shoes and similar types of footwear. For both boys and girls, sandshoes, 'runners' sport shoes (even Black) are not permitted footwear.

*Tony Kuc—Assistant Principal*

## **ZONTA Birthing Kits**

On Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> November the Year 9 & 10 girls rallied together to pack 400 birthing kits to be sent to under developed countries. These kits WILL save lives & reduce suffering by providing for a clean birth.

### **There are 7 cleans necessary for a clean birth:**

- Clean Birth site
- Clean hands
- Clean cut
- Clean eyes
- Clean umbilical cord
- Clean perineum.

### **The contents of the Birthing Kits :**

- 1m X 1m square plastic sheet for the mother to lie on
- 1 piece of soap
- 1 pair of latex gloves
- 3 pieces of string to tie umbilical cord
- 1 scalpel blade
- 3 gauze squares

*Fiona Keech—Adolescent Health Nurse*

## End of Year Arrangements

At a recent meeting, School Council endorsed an intensive professional learning program for Ashwood College teaching and school support staff which will take place in the last four days of this term—Tuesday, 16 December to Friday, 19 December. The professional learning program will focus on the goals of improved student engagement and attendance and improvements in teaching and learning. A coordinated and targeted program will include an overhaul of our student behaviour management system (student engagement) and staff professional learning in new approaches to teaching and learning which will include classroom visitations and feedback. Staff will also undergo training in the use of the four new interactive whiteboards which will be installed next week and will be involved in developing curriculum which incorporate these new technologies.

The College is also considering being a pilot school for a new electronic attendance system. During these professional learning days, teaching and school support staff will undertake training in the program. We are particularly excited about this new system. Evidence presented by the company indicates it will result in improved communication between students, parents and the school, more accurate attendance records and most significantly, improved student attendance.

Students will be issued with their Semester 2 reports on **Monday, 15 December** which is the last day of timetabled classes for students. Parents and students will be able to make appointments with teachers during the staff professional learning days to discuss students' reports.

All Year 9, 10 and 11 students should have already received information about the arrangements for the remainder of this year and the beginning of 2009.

The program for Year 7 and 8 students for the remainder of this year is as follows:

**Tuesday, 2 December**—Re-enrolment day for Year 9 & 10, 2009. Normal classes will not operate on this day for current Year 8 and 9 students. However students are required to attend with their parents to re-enrol.

**Wednesday, 3 December**—Presentation Night. Normal school day. Students receiving awards will have already been notified by mail.

**Thursday, 4 December**—Re-enrolment day for Year 8, 2009. Normal classes will not operate on this day for current Year 7 students. However students are required to attend with their parents to re-enrol.

**Friday, 5 December**—Report Writing Day—students are not required at school.

**Saturday, 6 December**—Second hand book and uniform sale—8.00 am to 11.00 am.

**Tuesday, 9 December**—Year 7, 2009 Orientation Day. Normal classes for current Year 7 & 8 students. Only Year 9 students assisting with Peer Support for the Year 6 students are required at school.

**Thursday, 11 December—Monday, 15 December**—Year 7 & 8 Step Up Program.

**Monday, 15 December**—Final day of timetabled classes for Year 7 & 8 students. End of year reports issued to students.

**Tuesday, 16 December—Thursday, 18 December**—Teachers available—by appointment—if parents wish to discuss students' reports.

**Tuesday, 16 December—Friday, 19 December**—Staff Professional Learning.

**Thursday, 18 December**—general office closes at 4.00 pm.

**Friday, 19 December**—general office closed.

**Wednesday, 28 January—Friday, 30 January, 2009**—teachers return

**Monday, 2 February, 2009**—first day for students in Year 7, Year 8, Year 9, Year 10 Peer Support Leaders only, Year 11 and Year 12 students.

*Kerrie Croft—Principal*

## Gaslight Market

Well what a night!! If you missed our Gaslight Market evening then your missed a great event. We ended up having 54 stalls on the night. We filled the Performing Arts Centre, the foyer and most of the Hall. There was a large variety of stalls, drinks, yummy cakes and 39 raffle prizes. We raised around \$3170, which was a great effort. Even though we had a torrential downpour we had an amazing turnout of people who came along to support the school and stall holders. In this Ashwords is a copy of the thankyou that was given to all those that attended along with a biscuit to take home to eat. So thanks to all those involved we had a great time and we are already in planning stages for next year!!

Thanks also to our Gold Sponsor Aussie Farmers [www.aussiefarmers.com.au](http://www.aussiefarmers.com.au)

**PS Keep Saturday February 28<sup>th</sup> 2009**, free, we have a Bunnings Warehouse site booked to run a sausage sizzle to help raise funds, these can generate over a \$1000.

More details to follow.

## Ashwood College Gaslight Market

Thanks to everyone who has been involved and to you for coming.

**Thanks to all our Stall holders.**

We had 54 stalls for the evening.

If there was something that you wanted, but you didn't get it on the night and you would like to contact the stall holder then please contact Dale Wain and I will pass on the information onto you. Those stall holders who have a website will have a link on the Ashwood College website. Thank you to the stall holders for donations of raffle items.

**Thankyou to our volunteers for the evening.**

Evenings like this don't just happen, they take planning and the community coming together to create such a great night. There are **too** many people to thank individually so we will thank the various groups that have helped out. The Parents & Friends Committee for all their planning.

Thankyou to the people who delivered over 3000 fliers in the local area (including our Principal Kerrie Croft who pounded the streets). Thanks to local businesses who advertised this event for us. Thanks to Aussie Farmers our **Main Gold Sponsor** for the event,

visit their website [www.aussiefarmers.com.au](http://www.aussiefarmers.com.au). Bob Stensholt Office as our **Silver Sponsor** for the event. Anna Burke's office for printing a large portion of the flyers.

Thank you to the families who baked cakes, muffins, slices. The families who donated raffle items, and all the people who helped wrap over 35 raffles.

Thanks to the families and the students who assisted on the night with tickets sales, raffles, the Ashwood College stall, the coffee & cake corner, and the kitchen.

Thanks to those who helped to set up and pack up on the day. Thanks to the **wonderful** office staff who have fielded enquiries, gathered donations as they arrived and passed on many messages, put notices in Ashwords or printed flyers.

*Dale Wain—Market Coordinator*

## Launch of RACV/Channel 7 Road Safety Campaign Advertisement

On Tuesday night this week, the RACV/Channel 7 Road Safety Campaign Advertisement featuring students from Ashwood College was launched during the 6.00 pm News and the Today Tonight Program at 6.30 pm.

Ashwood College Year 9 students Michelle Christodoulou, Paige Lampier and Jessica Watts won the schools competition from 120 other entries. The girls were invited to the Channel 7 News room to view the news reading live and each were presented with certificates, gift vouchers and \$200 driving lesson vouchers by news presenter Peter Mitchell. The advertisement was produced entirely at the school using the girls' theme of "Question". The 30 second version was shown on Tuesday night. However, 60 second and three minute versions have also been produced.

Congratulations to Michelle, Paige, Jessica, all Ashwood College students involved in the production of the advertisement and Kath Robinson for her support and guidance. More details and photos to come.

*Kerrie Croft—Principal*

### Year 9 Health Day

On Thursday August 7<sup>th</sup> all the Year 9 students left their usual timetable and participated in a Health Day at the school. They rotated through 3 programs that focused on self esteem, healthy relationships, personal safety and resilience.

The programs were:

“Self esteem, Confidence & Positive Peer Dynamics”  
Presented by facilitators from The Reach Foundation.  
For more info [www.reach.org.au](http://www.reach.org.au)

“Healthy Relationships & Violence Prevention Strategies”  
Presented by facilitators from Community Health organizations.

“Lets Party” – an educational program about staying safe at parties.  
Presented by Ashwood College Adolescent Health Nurse

All the information in the programs presented compliments the content that the students are covering in Health classes this semester.

*Fiona Keech – Adolescent Health Nurse*

**2nd Hand Book Sale**  
**Saturday 6th December**  
**8am—11.00 am**

**Report Writing Day**  
**Friday 5th December**  
**Students not required at school**

***STOP PRESS!***  
**Ashwood College students win 3 in 6**  
***video competition ... Again!***  
**More details in next issue of Ashwords**

### Uniform Shop

The uniform shop will be operating additional hours during the school holidays on the following days.


<b>Saturday 6th December, 2008</b>	<b>8am—11am</b>
<b>Thursday 18th December, 2008</b>	<b>3pm—4pm</b>
<b>Friday 23rd January, 2009</b>	<b>10am—3pm</b>
<b>Tuesday 27th January, 2009</b>	<b>9am—12pm</b>
<b>Thursday 29th January, 2009</b>	<b>12am- 4pm</b>

School term uniform shop hours are as follows:

**Tuesday 8.15 am—9.15am**

**Thursday 3.00pm— 4.00pm**

**The Uniform Shop will be closed this Tuesday the 2nd of December.**



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