

## Anaphylaxis, Epipen and Legal Liability Training

The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (DEECD) has mandated that all school staff, including teachers and educational support staff, are required to complete a course in First Aid relating to causes, symptoms and treatment of Anaphylaxis in children and undertake training in the use of Epipens.

Staff are also required to be up to date with legislation relating to their responsibilities and legal liability in the workplace.

Staff will undertake these courses during the afternoon and evening of Thursday, 26 March.

As a result, students will be dismissed at 12.30 pm on this day. This is **not** a curriculum day where students are not required at school. All students are required to attend school in the morning and we ask for parental assistance in ensuring that all students do attend school.

## Chicken Pox and Shingles

We have been notified by parents over the past two weeks that there have been a number of students who have contracted Chicken Pox or Shingles. Could parents please be aware of this outbreak and report to the college immediately if your child is diagnosed with either of these ailments.

*Kerrie Croft—Principal*

**Thursday, 26 March**  
**Students dismissed at 12.30 pm**  
**Please see article above**

### Diary Dates:

<b>Monday</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>March</b>	Labour Day Holiday
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>March</b>	Intermediate Tennis
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>March</b>	Intermediate Round Robin / Year 11 Psychology Zoo Excursion
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>March</b>	Year 9 Outdoor Ed A—Surfing
<b>Friday</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>March</b>	Year 9 Outdoor Ed B—Surfing
<b>Monday</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>March</b>	Year 8 Round Robin
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>March</b>	Students dismissed at 12.30 pm
<b>Monday</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>March</b>	Year 10-12 Parent/Student/Teacher Interviews, 4.30 pm-6.30 pm

## District Swimming Sports

## **District Swimming Carnival**

Two days after our Ashwood Swimming Carnival, 32 students from Year 7-10 competed in the District Swimming Carnival at Ringwood Aquatic Centre against the other schools in our area. Unfortunately our senior students had commitments at school and couldn't attend the event.

All students competed exceptionally well and team spirit was high all day. We had some individual and team ribbon winners:

- 3rd - Amy Montgomery - 12 & 13 Years 50m Breaststroke
- 3rd - Anika Lindenmayer - 12 & 13 Years 50m Freestyle
- 3rd - Naomi Harvey - 16 Years 50m Freestyle
- 3rd - 14 Years Boys Freestyle 50m Relay Team - Jordan Theobald, Brad Wilson, Joel Creek and Blake Callant.

We also had a lot of 4th places throughout the day. I believe the highlight of the day was filling 8 freestyle relay teams with all our team members. Overall the 12, 13 & 14 Year participants did a great job putting Ashwood College in 5th place overall in the Junior Shield. Our Intermediates competed well for 6th place overall.

A great day was had by all and a big thanks goes to Mrs Wiggins and Mr Pimlott for assisting on the day.

***Melissa Worth—Sports Coordinator***

## **Senior Boys Tennis**

In over 30 degree heat we arrived at North Ringwood tennis courts, ready to smash the opposition. Our team was made up of four excellent tennis players: Justin McCarthy, Matthew Hudson, Joseph Graan and Sebastian Temple. Together we managed to win 5 games. A magnificent effort considering the incredibly talented competition.

***Justin McCarthy***

## **Ashwood College Swimming Carnival 2009 — Cartoon Capers**

On Tuesday 24th of February Ashwood had its annual Swimming Carnival at Nunawading Aqualink Indoor Pool. The theme was Cartoon Capers - Disney Theme. The thought, effort and creativity put in to costumes for the day was very impressive. The colour in the stands for each house was also great. There were prizes at the end of the day for best dressed.

There was excellent participation at years 7 and 8 with many events having 2 or 3 heats filled. The novelty events at the end of the day were also very popular.

In terms of points, throughout the day it was close but Blue House ended up overall winners with 217 points. In second place was Yellow House with 159 points, 3rd place was Red House with 147 points and Green house followed closely with 136 points.

Thank you to all staff for their assistance on the day and well done to all participants. The winners of events went through to district swimming on Thursday 26th February.

***Melissa Worth—Sports Coordinator***

## **Year 9 Outdoor Ed—Kayaking**

On the 18th and 19th of February the Year 9 Outdoor Ed classes participated in a basic skills kayaking session on the Yarra River at Westerfolds Park. The session involved all different paddling strokes, team building activities, a journey up the river and a competitive game of canoe polo. The next excursion for the Outdoor Ed classes are: Thursday 12th March - 9OEA Surfing and Friday 13th March - 9OEB Surfing.

*Melissa Worth—Outdoor Education Teacher*

## **Senior Boys Volleyball**

The Senior Boys Volleyball Team this week broke an ancient mould of losses as we defeated Mt Waverley with few training sessions under our belts. The well behaved all star cast of Safi, Nick, Mitch, Zin, Tom, Stu and Steve annihilated Mt Waverley in our first match, were unsuccessful in the next two matches and then regained pride with a modest win against Highvale.

*Stuart Perriman*

## **Senior Girls Volleyball**

The day started with shirt sizes being thrown around and shouts of "wrong size". After we got to the stadium, the girls B team got straight into their matches and won 2 out of their first 4. Set scores in the first game were 0-2, 2-1, 2-1 and 1-2, with some very close results.

Besides the brilliant rallies and smashing serves, Alicia sacrificed her thumb as well as her wrist. The A team also sacrificed their wrists and won 1 out of 5. This years senior volleyballers have broken the Ashwood curse! And we are VERY PROUD!

*Mel Blennerhassett*

*Melissa Worth—Sports Coordinator*

### **2nd Hand Books**

2nd Hand book money can now be collected from the office.

### **Instrumental Music**

#### **Violin / Keyboard lessons**

Are now on **Thursday** instead of Friday.

#### **Trumpet**

We still have a few spots available for Trumpet lessons.

*Felica Mundell—Music Coordinator*

## Psychology Excursion

The 24 students in the Year 12 Psychology class recently participated in a student workshop at Swinburne University, Faculty of Life and Social Science.

Students were able to 'drive' a train by connecting the EOG amplifier to a computer via electrodes on their head.

They used an EEG to measure their brain signals, and were involved in experiments with Visual Perception, including mirror writing.

The highlight was the Polygraph or 'lie detector'. Many tried to fool the polygraph, but very few succeeded.

**Bernie Jowett—Psychology Teacher**

## Year 7 Bullying Behaviour Sessions

**Ashwood College has a ZERO tolerance towards ANY type of bullying behaviour**

The school is committed to providing a safe and supportive learning environment which encourages positive relationships between all members of the school community.

To further promote this each Year 7 class has participated in a session that develops awareness of bullying behaviours in a secondary school environment. All the students will experience the transition into adolescence during their secondary school years so this was discussed in the context of peer friendships. Students were given information on why some people bully, how boys & girls bullying behaviours differ and the best ways to deal with it appropriately and effectively.

All year 7 students will attend an information session on cyber bullying next term.

**Fiona Keech—Adolescent Health Nurse**

## Lawn Bowls Team Update

On Saturday 21st February our Lawn Bowls team played their second match for the season against Brighton Grammar. Alicia was sidelined with a shoulder injury so our replacement was Mitchell Cook who, along with Stuart and Chris, bowled to a very good standard. We came away with a convincing win of 23-10, a fantastic effort by the team. Our next opponents are Haileybury College. We will keep you informed of our progress.

After a convincing win against Brighton Grammar, this weeks was a nail-bitter against Haileybury. There was never more than one or two points in it and it was decided on the last couple of ends. Our team of Stuart, Alicia and Mitchell kept cool under pressure and ended up winning 10-7 against Haileybury. We have a one week break and then our last pool game. Well done team!

**Melissa Worth - Ashwood Lawnbowls Team Manager and Assistant Coach**

## Parent Forums

A series of parent forums will be held during Term 1 and Term 2 for parents to come along to find out more about your child's schooling and to meet teachers and other parents in your child's level. The dates for the forums are:

Year 7—Tuesday, 24 March

Year 8 & 9—Week 3, Term 2

Year 10—Week 5, Term 2

**Details will be sent home with each student closer to the evening.**

**Anna Kukuruzovic—Assistant Principal**

**Permaculture Garden  
Open Day  
Saturday 21st March  
11am—3pm**



## Parents & Friends

What an amazing effort by so many students, parents and teachers who helped out at the Bunnings BBQ on Saturday Feb 28<sup>th</sup>. We raised \$ **1012.60** which was a great effort and will go directly towards items for the students. We sold 40kilos of sausages at the event. On Friday we are holding a sausage sizzle at lunchtime to sell the remaining sausages so the final profit should be close to \$1200.

The P&F would like to thank Aussie Farmers [www.aussiefarmers.com.au](http://www.aussiefarmers.com.au) for donating 30 loaves of bread free of charge. Please visit their website and support their efforts. **Ashwood Safeway** also donated a \$40 gift card that was used towards purchasing sauce, serviettes etc. The sausages we purchased from **Burwood Gourmet Meats** in Toorak Road, Burwood. They were delicious, and highly recommended. Thanks to the Ashwood College family who also donated some products to us. (sorry I don't have a name). It was great to have so many people supporting the College.

**Thanks to:** Lynda Hogg, Kerry Campbell, Sarah Farley, Judy Westmore, Alek Cirakovic, Adrian Dowd, Tania & Olivia Peterson, Michael Watson, Monique & Jessica Sawkins, Simon Lindenmeyer, Tony Kuc, Anna Kukuruzovic, Jo Hendrikson, Bryan Walsh, Janet Wiggins, Anne Symonds, Russell & Joel Creek, Jo McKinley, Sally Blaber.

### Parents & Friends Meeting

There is a meeting on **Thursday March 5<sup>th</sup>** in the PAC foyer at Ashwood College at 7.30pm - everyone is welcome. If you have anything that you would like discussed at this meeting or any other meeting please contact Dale Wain on ph 9807 1333 or [wain.dale.l@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:wain.dale.l@edumail.vic.gov.au)

*Parents & Friends Committee*

### Parent/Student/Teacher Interviews

Year 10-12—Monday, 30 March, 4.30 pm—6.30 pm

Year 7-9—Thursday, 23 April, 4.30 pm—6.30 pm

## Ashwood College Community Network



In schools there are always many opportunities for families to volunteer their time to assist the school. Often you may not know what these opportunities are so we have established the **Ashwood College Community Network**.

Throughout the year we will let you know in Ashwoods newsletter and on the College website about various ways that you can help within the school.

Some people find it hard to help out within school hours so there may be some jobs that can be done at home, others find it easier to come into school during school hours to help.

If you have a particular skill or offer of help that you can offer to the school then we would love to hear from you. This may be at a regular time or once or twice a year or as a need arises within the school year.

We would like to thank those families that already volunteer their time in many aspects of school life such as, canteen, working bees, Parents & Friends, tutoring, school council, and many other areas.

If you are able to offer some of your time to assisting the school community then please contact Dale Wain on 9807 1333 or email [wain.dale.l@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:wain.dale.l@edumail.vic.gov.au)

### Areas you can help already.

Mend elastic on Netball bibs (elastic supplied)  
Adopt a small garden bed to give some TLC  
Lunchtime Clubs  
Tutoring

*Dale Wain— Parents and Friends*

### UNIFORM SHOP

**Please Note: Tuesday 31st March**



The Uniform Shop will **not** be open in the **morning** but **will** be open **after** school between 3pm — 4pm on this day.

I apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

*Lyn Hancock—Uniform Shop Manager*



## EASTER RAFFLE



It's that time of year again when all you **CHOCOHOLICS** can go crazy.

Yes, its Easter Raffle time!!!

School families are asked to provide an Easter egg of any size. We will then make them up into Easter hampers as the prizes for the raffle. Please leave the eggs with your home group teacher and we will collect them. We would appreciate them by Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March.

We anticipate having a prize in each classroom and then a couple of prizes for the whole school.

Tickets are **\$1 each**

**Five** tickets will go home with each student

Please bring back money and stubs or return unsold tickets to your home group teacher.

**Raffle drawn on Thursday 2nd April.**

*Parents & Friends*



## Ashburton Primary School Amazing Grand Fair:

*Ashburton Primary School's Amazing Grand Fair Fakenham Road, Ashburton. Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 4pm.*

Come along to the Amazing Grand Fair for GREAT rides and activities – “The Wall that Rocks”- an 8mtr high rock climbing wall, The Cyclone, Giant Super Slide, Chair-O-Plane, Panda obstacle course, Cup and Saucer and Super Karts. This year sees the return of The Snake Handler who will bring along a collection of venomous snakes, Pythons, crocodiles and other reptiles.

Be inspired and uplifted by our tribal African Drumming ensemble and a special feature of the Fair this year is our 13 mtr long “Dragon Dreaming”. The children of the school have hand painted the Dragon’s scales and decorated it with their hand written wishes for the World. A dragon parade will commence at 1pm. Other favourites include face painting, trash and treasure, used toys and kids clothing, books, sporting goods and fantastic silent auction items. Great food and drink, FREE entertainment lots more! Contact 9885 2559 or visit [www.ashburtonps.vic.edu.au](http://www.ashburtonps.vic.edu.au)

## Road Safety

The supervision of school crossings is a service provided by the City of Monash to ensure the safety and wellbeing of students. The rules that apply and which supervisors are required to enforce are:

- Students must wait on the footpath, behind the supervisor, until indication that it is safe to cross (crowding around near the edge of the road obscures the supervisor’s view of traffic and reduces safety)
- Pedestrians are required to wait until the supervisor blows the whistle before crossing the road
- Children using mobile phones or wearing earphones are not to use them or must remove them while crossing the road
- Cyclists are to dismount and walk their bikes across the road

The combination of speeding cars, cyclists and crowds of pedestrians is potentially highly dangerous. Ashwood College students are expected to cross the road at the supervised crossing. Unfortunately, there have been reports of jay-walking and lack of co-operation from a few individuals.

As well as observing the above rules, all students are urged to be aware and sensible in traffic situations and be respectful towards the supervisors who are there for added protection. Parents are asked to reinforce these matters with their children so that the possibility of risk is minimised.

**Anna Kukuruzovic—Assistant Principal**