

Correct Wearing of School Uniform

As the year progresses and the weather is becoming cooler, a number of students have become somewhat sloppy in their wearing of the School uniform. It is therefore timely to remind students and parents of the School policy regarding correct wearing of uniform. These details are published in the Student Planner. Students should take note that t-shirts worn under the uniform must only be white and short sleeved.

Now to jumpers/jackets scarves and shoes!!!

If your child does not wish to wear the school jumper they may wear a school rugby jumper or school kia jacket. All students in Years 7-12 must wear school jackets/jumpers and black lace up school shoes to and from school. It is not acceptable for students to “change at the gate”. The beauty of having a school jacket is that if your child’s jumper is in the wash, they can wear the jacket. Only plain black or navy scarves are acceptable and these also are available for purchase from the school uniform shop.

By the beginning of Term 3, we will be checking every student to ensure that they own either a school jumper or jacket and black lace up school shoes. Parents, please support the School by ensuring that your child/ren show pride in their School and themselves by wearing the School uniform correctly.

Please provide a note if your child is out of uniform for a day. If parents have any queries or concerns about the School Uniform, please contact your coordinator or consult the student planner.

Whole School Curriculum Review

The staff at the College are very busy at present reviewing and rewriting the current Year 10 curriculum, the first stage of a whole school curriculum review, in readiness for its introduction in 2010.

Another component of the curriculum review is a review of our processes relating to student subject choices, subject selection procedures and careers advice and counselling.

All Year 9 and 10 students were ‘interviewed’ in the first two weeks of this term to determine their career interests and/or aptitudes. The results of these initial interviews have helped staff in determining which aspects need updating and modifying in order to attract and engage students in their subjects.

The second stage of the process is subject information sessions which will be held for all Year 9 students on Tuesday morning next week. Students will be provided with a ‘snapshot’ of what each of the Year 10 subjects is about, where the subject will lead and what students can expect to do in the subject. A letter providing Year 9 parents with the details of this day have been sent home with students.

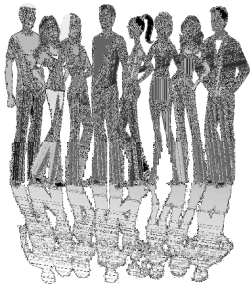
Following from this, will be parent and student information evenings early in Term 3. Parents will receive a notice with details of these sessions early in Term 3. All Year 9 and 10 students will be expected to attend subject counselling sessions with their parents prior to 2010 subject finalisation.

Kerrie Croft—Principal

Diary Dates:

Thursday	18	June	Festival for Healthy Living final performance at 6.30 pm
Friday	26	June	Senior Presentation Ball at 7.00 pm
Friday	26	June	End of Term 2 - Students dismissed at 2.30 pm
Monday	13	July	Start of Term 3
Wednesday	22	July	Year 10 Careers Day
Tuesday	28	July	Year 10, VCE and VCAL Subject Selection Information Night

Parents and Friends Meeting



The next Parents and Friends meeting will be held on **Thursday 25 June** at 7.30 pm in the Ashwood College Performing Arts Centre foyer. (Please note that this is one week earlier due to the normal meeting date falling in the school holidays).

We are organising the College Trivia Night in September and the Market Night in November. We would love to have you come along to help us with the planning. If you have any queries, please email Dale Wain at: wain.dale.1@edumail.vic.gov.au

Trivia Night

Ashwood College is holding their inaugural **Trivia/Silent Auction Evening**. Keep the evening of Saturday 5 September free for this extraordinary event. Mr Joe Murphy (ex Ashwood College Drama Teacher and Master Quizmeister) will be our Master of Ceremonies for the evening. All funds raised will go towards the shade structure areas for the new canteen refurbishment. I will provide more details relating to tickets and the event next term.

Dale Wain



Year 9 “Go Melbourne”



All payments for the Year 9 “Go Melbourne” excursion in Term 3 were due on **15 June**. If your son/daughter has not returned the reply slip and \$20.00 payment, please ensure this is done as soon as possible.

This is a fantastic experience for the Year 9 students to learn more about the city and to gain some valuable independence skills within a supervised event. If you have misplaced the form, please ask your son/daughter to obtain another one from Mrs. Wain or Mr. Sheehan.

Dale Wain

Year 8 Festival for Healthy Living Performance - Tonight!!

A reminder to Year 8 families that the Festival for Healthy Living Performance is tonight commencing at 6:30 pm. All students are to meet at the Hall by 6.00 pm **SHARP**, dressed in their costumes. The families who have returned their ticket request slips will be given their tickets at the door. Any families who have not put in a ticket request or are wanting extra tickets, please ask at the door this evening - there are a few tickets left. I look forward to seeing you tonight.



Melissa Worth—FHL Coordinator

BUSHFIRES QUILT HANGING

Display of quilts made for the
Bushfire Survivors
Saturday 20 June 2009
11.00am to 4.30pm
at

Lighthouse, Ashburton Uniting Church
7 Ashburn Grove, Ashburton

Devonshire Tea available
Gold coin donation entry

All proceeds towards quilting of quilts

Update of Personal Details

Parents and Guardians—please ensure that you complete the Family Contact Details form (mailed to all families on Thursday 4th June) and return to the General Office or access www.ashwood.vic.edu.au and submit online by Friday 19 June 2009.

This information is treated confidentially and is of the **utmost importance, particularly in the case of an emergency.**

Homework Club Schedule—Term 3

As in Term 1 and Term 2, the Homework Club will run on a weekly basis in Room 52 from 3.05 pm until 4.05 pm on Wednesdays and Thursdays (of each alternate week).

It will be supervised by Erica Chadderton and Genevieve Monteiro as per the schedule below:-

WEEK	WEDNESDAY <i>(Supervised by CHA)</i>	THURSDAY <i>(Supervised by MON)</i>
1	-	July 16
2	July 22	-
3	-	July 30
4	August 5	-
5	-	August 13
6	August 19	-
7	-	August 27
8	September 2	-
9	-	September 10
10	September 16	-

Erica Chadderton and Genevieve Monteiro - Homework Club Coordinators

Acoustic Music Night

On Wednesday 27 May parents and friends of the instrumental students attended the Acoustic Evening held in the Performing Arts Centre.

This was a great opportunity for students to showcase their hard work during Semester 1 with a wide variety of performances including vocal solos, duets, trios, jazz ensemble, mixed groups, piano and guitar items.

The evening was hosted by Music Captain Nicole McNally and Year 12 Musician Alec Blaber.

The Year 7-9 Band opened the evening whilst the Musicianship Band opened and concluded the second half of the evening.

It was great to have both experienced musicians, beginner performers and also some newcomers to the program, particularly Year 12 sharing the stage to present a great night of entertainment.

This would not be possible without the dedication of our instrumental staff, so I would like to extend a special thank you to Tania Kaev, Mark Vjood, Peter Simondson, Peter Graham, Liz Clark, and Erica Ujma. I would also like to especially thank Janet Wiggins for organising the refreshments and Shane Duggan for his much appreciated sound and lighting on the night. A real team effort!



Congratulations go out to all of our performers and thank you to our loyal and supportive parents and audience who encourage the students to engage in live performances.

We look forward to our next performance which will be our annual Musical, “No ill Feeling”, held in August!

Felica Mundell—Music Coordinator

Year 8 Students - Freedom from Fear!

The Multicultural Awareness Forum will be held on Thursday 25 June 2009. This is a cultural awareness session designed to engage and educate Year 8 students from Ashwood College.

Guest speakers from culturally diverse backgrounds will speak about how they have achieved success in Australia. They will also reflect on how racism has impacted as a barrier on their way to success.

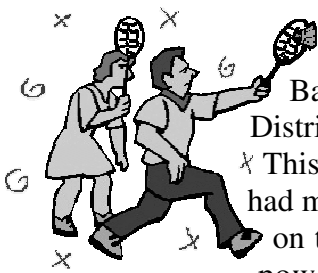
These speakers will act as a positive role model for culturally diverse students that attend on the day and also provide awareness for the non-culturally diverse students. They will share their experience about difficulties faced by people moving to a new and different country.

There will be a performance by A.R.A.B. (Anti Racism Action Band). The band will talk briefly about their message and about the effects of racism. Year 8 students will also be involved in interactive Hip Hop workshops.

Feedback will be collected from the students on how we could better improve the program for future students.

Chrissy Lynch
Student Welfare Coordinator

Year 7 Badminton Round Robin



On Tuesday 9 June, the Year 7 Boys and Girls Badminton teams played in the District Round Robin at Kilsyth. This was the second time they had made the journey to Kilsyth as on the first date the stadium lost power and the event was cancelled. Overall, neither the boys nor the girls teams won any full matches, however, they did win some individual games. The students were all great ambassadors for Ashwood College and showed fantastic persistence and sportsmanship.

Well done to all students who participated.

**Dale Wain -
Badminton Coach**

Senior Presentation Ball



Friday 26 June 2009

*“The Grande on Cathies Lane”
Wantirna*

\$65.00 per person

Tickets are now available at the General Office

Book your table now to ensure a place at this fabulous occasion. Remember to book your table under one name and add all further tickets for that table under the **same name**. Tables can be any size with the final number to be confirmed on Tuesday 23 June. Don't forget to let us know if there are any special dietary requirements on your table.

Tickets are available from the General Office at a cost of \$65.00 per person, which includes a three course meal and all soft drinks. The venue is licensed and alcohol may be purchased at the bar (ID required).

At the conclusion of the Presentation, a live band will provide entertainment and accompany people on the dance floor.



Don't miss out! Book your table now!

*Maree Dusting—
Senior Presentation Ball Coordinator*

End of Term 2 Dismissal

Students will be dismissed from school on Friday 26 June at 2.30 pm