

New Science Centre for Ashwood College

Ashwood College will receive \$1,970,000 to construct a new science centre under the Rudd Government's Science and Language Centres for 21st Century Secondary Schools (SLC) program. The college is one of 537 secondary schools across Australia and one of 94 Victorian Government Schools to receive the SLC funding.

The College's submission opted for a template design which includes two science laboratories, one environmental science laboratory, two multi-purpose rooms, prep room, and outdoor learning court (which can be converted to an indoor learning space). The building will be erected at the Eastern end of the school behind the music room and library.

Building is expected to commence very shortly with a defined completion date of June/July 2010. The centre will now enable us to deliver our 21st century curriculum in 21st classrooms. Our new science curriculum will focus on biotechnology as Ashwood College's commitment to addressing global issues such as sustainability and renewable energy to develop environmentally conscientious students. The curriculum has a particular focus on applied science, incorporating significant field work components. The vision is to 'model' conservation, sustainability and renewable energy processes (wind, solar and hydro power) using robotics. Students are engaged in an energy efficiency project with a focus on reducing their carbon footprint. The program incorporates Monash University's initiative Tools for Replication of Energy Efficiency in Schools (TREES). This involves problem based

learning requiring students to record all data collected through field work and from sensors at Monash University. We will utilise local resources such as our rain water harvesting system, our solar power energy source, the wetlands, permaculture garden and Gardiner's Creek ecosystem to support the curriculum. We have also had preliminary discussions with John Monash Science School to establish a joint science program.

We are ecstatic about the possibilities this new building will provide for our students and staff and are well underway in preparing for its arrival.

Chloe Guffogg receives Premier's Award

Year 12 student Chloe Guffogg was presented with the Premier's VCE Award for Dance by actress Jane Hall at a ceremony at Melbourne Convention Centre this week. Chloe was one of only 306 students out of 50,666 to receive the award. Chloe scored 48 out of 50 for her VCE Dance Study Score last year, placing her in the top 0.019% of the State.

We are extremely proud of Chloe and extend our congratulations for her outstanding achievement.

Kerrie Croft—Principal

Diary Dates:

Friday	24	July	State Cross Country
Wednesday	29	July	Year 9 Ski Trip
Monday	3	August	Go Melbourne 9A & 9B
Tuesday	4	August	English Competition
Tuesday	11	August	Year 10 & VCE/VCAL 2010 Information Night

'First Class' Attendance at Ashwood College

Regular and timely contact between school and home is an important factor in student performance and success.

Ashwood College started Term 3 with the introduction of a new student attendance system, 'First Class', which we believe will result in improved communication with parents.

In the event of a student arriving late or being marked absent in the morning, we will endeavour to contact parents by telephone that afternoon (assuming no note or personal notification by parents has been received). Of course, we welcome and **encourage parents to advise the school in advance or first thing in the morning, if their child is ill or unable to attend school.** You can now call the Attendance Hot Line on **9809 6950** and leave a detailed message, outlining the reason for the absence.

We anticipate that, as processes are further developed and refined, the 'First Class' system will allow for SMS and email messages to be automatically sent to parents regarding their child's absence or lateness. We are intending to implement this in the near future so please ensure your mobile phone details have been updated.

Despite the best intentions and systems, errors can and do occur. Consequently, we ask for understanding and tolerance if a mistake is made and, as always, strongly recommend that you contact your child's Coordinator to clarify matters.

Anna Kukuruzovic - Assistant Principal

Supervision in the School Grounds

Schools have a legal duty of care to ensure that all students are safe and accounted for whilst in the care of the school. Their duty extends beyond that which the law would expect of parents.

A reminder to parents that staff are **on duty** in and about the school grounds at the following scheduled times:-

- ◆ Before school (*corridor and High Street bus stop*) - 8.15 am to 8.35 am.
- ◆ Recess (*corridors, canteen and school grounds*) - all of recess.

- ◆ Lunch (*corridors, canteen and school grounds*) - all of lunch.
- ◆ After school (*school grounds and High Street bus stop*) - 3.05 pm to 3.25 pm

Personal Safety and Awareness

A reminder to all students when travelling home from school – be it on foot, bike or public transport - please be 'aware' of what is going on around you and people in the vicinity.

Unfortunately, we live in times where the potential for a situation where one's safety is jeopardised, occurs. There was an incident on Tuesday June 10 at 4.30 pm near Jordanville Railway Station, for example, where an Ashwood student was threatened by an unknown person appearing from bushes. Thankfully there was no injury. Police were notified.

"Take care – be aware".

Parent Teacher Interviews & Appointments

As a result of parent and teacher feedback, the College is currently investigating the purchase and installation of a computerised booking system for parent-teacher interviews and other set interview days. Should this investigation prove successful, it will mean that as from the next scheduled interviews, parents will be able to log in at our website, view available times of teachers, and make bookings for interviews. We will keep you in touch of developments in this regard.

Tony Kuc—Assistant Principal

**ATTENDANCE HOTLINE
PHONE NUMBER:**

9809 6950

Bogong Outdoor Education Camp

Toward the end of Term 2, eleven of our Senior and Intermediate VCAL students were given the opportunity to attend the Bogong Outdoor Education Camp at Mount Bogong. It was an amazing experience for the students who were able to rock climb, abseil, participate in the camp's legendary high ropes course and also have a go at their impressive pamper pole and giant swing.

During the week the students also competed in a Rogaining competition on the High Plains using new map and compass skills they had acquired while on camp. This was a whole day activity and was very challenging, particularly on one of the days when it rained most of the day.

More importantly, the students were able to share their experience with another school from Diamond Valley. This enabled the students to meet new people and make many new friends.

The camp is a government school run by Outdoor Education teachers and apart from being really well organised it was also fantastic fun. Everyone enjoyed the food, activities, good company and the excellent and warm facilities.

The group was accompanied by Ms. Henriksen and Ms. Robinson and the entire week was a huge success from both the student and teachers perspectives.

Kath Robinson—Camp Coordinator

Year 8 Students Musicianship Auditions

Year 8 students wishing to audition for the Musicianship Class for 2010 should see Ms. Mundell this week to organise a time during week 3 of Term 3. Auditions will be held on Tuesday 28, Wednesday 29, Thursday 30 and Friday 31 July in the music room. The auditions will involve completing a survey form to then be signed by parents and returned to Ms. Mundell. Students will be asked to play a short song and/or demonstrate their ability on their chosen instrument eg. scales, chords, riffs, etc.

Students entering the Musicianship Class will be required to join the Instrumental Program to assist their progress as musicians. The Musicianship Class has a strong focus on performance and these students will perform regularly at numerous events throughout the year.

Ms. Mundell will visit all Year 8 Homegroups early in Term 3 (before the audition week) so any questions or enquiries can be discussed.

Felica Mundell - Music Coordinator

Ashwood College China Trip - September 2010



Planning is in progress again! We need a minimum of **10 people** for the trip to go ahead. All Ashwood College community members are welcome to join the trip. Our costs may sound higher than some of the quotes you see in published tours, however, you will find they are hiding the hidden costs, like tipping for guides and the airport taxes, etc.

There is a meeting in Room 26 at lunchtime on Friday 24 July for interested students. Otherwise, please feel free to contact me for the details by contacting the general office or leaving a message on my voicemail.

***Fiona Morris -
Chinese Teacher, LOTE Coordinator***

WORLD CHALLENGE – Expedition Team to Borneo 2010

Ashwood College is endeavouring to be part of an exciting extra-curricular project in association with World Challenge, Australia. In an exciting venture, Ashwood College students would be involved in an 18 month program which would culminate in a four week trip to Borneo in South East Asia.

The program is student driven, whereby students are given ongoing training and facilitation in regard to financial management (fundraising for the trip); itinerary planning; leadership; nutrition and fitness and social justice.

The trip would be held at the end of November/start of December in 2010. It would involve Years 10, 11 and 12 students. Students would be directly involved in the planning of the four phases of the trip with the assistance of a World Challenge facilitator.

- Phase 1 – Acclimatisation
- Phase 2 – Challenge
- Phase 3 – Project
- Phase 4 – Rest and Relaxation

This exciting extra-curricular educational opportunity has been taken up by many schools. Students, parents and teachers have cited rave reviews in regards to the training provided and the impact of this once in a lifetime experience.

All students from Years 9, 10 and 11 should have received information in the mail on the program and heard guest presenter, Hannah Cross, speak on Friday 17 July. On Tuesday 21 July, interested students and parents attended a parent information night held at the College. The official student launch meeting will be held on Tuesday 28 July from 3.20 pm to 4.50 pm at the College.

For more information, please contact Ms. Jo Henriksen.

**FINAL EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST ARE
DUE BY TUESDAY 28 JULY**


**Official Launch Meeting – Student attendance
required 3.20 pm to 4.50 pm**

*Kerrie Croft, Fiona Morris, Gina Wu, Hong Davies
and Andrew Fergusson*

CONGRATULATIONS to *Wu Ling Jing* (Gina Wu) the winner of the MLTAV (Modern Language Teachers' Association of Victoria) competition for Victorian Primary and Secondary school students of LOTE (Languages Other Than English) to design the new MLTAV 2009 advocacy stickers 'You're a Winner with Languages'.

According to the MLTAV they were "...overwhelmed with the number of entries and the calibre of the designs" and Gina's "...design met all of the entry criteria and inspired the judges to single it out as the most outstanding Secondary design entry".


Gina Wu won an iPod shuffle for herself, as well as \$250 towards Ashwood College's LOTE program.



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Interschool Debating Update

The Year 9 debators—Lourdinia Naidoo, Ian McFarland and Conorae Wiley—had a VERY successful debate against Sacred Heart College on the evening of Wednesday 24 June.

The students argued for the affirmative "we should value our bogans". They gave a very spirited performance and won by an impressive margin of 5 points! Conorae was awarded overall Best Speaker of the Debate.

The Year 11 team did not debate this round as the opposing team forfeited. Our Year 10 team had Work Experience commitments and were unable to debate.

We would like to again thank Mrs Slockwitch in the Library for her assistance with finding resources.


Glenis Rotondo—Debating Coordinator

Year 9 Go Melbourne

Go Melbourne is commencing this term. During Week 4, starting on Monday 3 August, **9A** and **9B** will be attending the Urban City Program. They will be in the city from Monday to Thursday and at school on Friday to complete their projects. There will be final information coming home in the next week. Please note that all students will need access to a mobile phone that has credit available. If any Year 9 students have not paid or returned their signed forms, they must do so **AS SOON AS POSSIBLE** to the General Office. If you have any questions, please telephone Dale Wain at school or email on: wain.dale.1@edumail.vic.gov.au

Dale Wain





Ashwood College students held a Free Dress Day on Friday 26 June to help raise money for Breast Cancer and Prostate Cancer.

The students raised **\$463.40.**

Year 7 Camp - Don Bosco Camp

In Week 7 of Term 2 the Year 7s finally got to go on their orientation camp, which had been postponed due to the bushfires in Term 1.

Despite the cooler weather down at the Don Bosco Camp, Safety Beach, the Year 7s had a great time and participated enthusiastically in all of the activities. There was archery, trampolining and chickens to play with and feed at the camp site, not to mention a great area to play ball games, which was more like a mud pit by the end of camp! A short walk down the road was the beach, where the students swam (in the freezing water!), built sand castles, ran beach flags races, played beach cricket and the popular game, fox holes! The students also went out to explore the rock pools at Sorrento back beach, jump off the sand dunes at Gunnamatta and "gawk" at the spectacular houses along the Millionaires Walk.

Night activities included a trivia competition, a movie night, a disco and a talent show, which included some very memorable performances like Corey's juggling, Aidan's piano playing and an excellent rendition of the "Timewarp" by the Year 10 Peer Support Leaders!

A highlight of the camp was definitely Wednesday lunch time when the whole year level was able to hang out and socialise together, as the second group arrived at camp before the first group returned home.

Overall it was a great week due to the enthusiasm and energy of all of the Year 7s. A big thank you to the Year 10 Peer Support Leaders whose help was invaluable, and all the staff who attended; in particular Mr. Adric Gardner, Mr. Robbie Boyle, the school Chaplain, and Mr. Brendan Dawes, Syndal Baptist Church youth worker, for attending both camps.

Natalie Same
Year 7 Coordinator

Year 7 Boys Interschool Netball

Arriving at Jells Park early, the Year 7 and 8 boys warmed up ready for a big day of netball. The boys took the court pumped and ready to take on a very polished Wheelers Hill Secondary College team. Putting up a good fight, unfortunately, the boys went down in the end.

The second half of the day proved to be more successful for the boys, lifting themselves after Jordan rolled his ankle. They put in a fantastic effort beating Mt. Waverley B. 20 to 6, followed by a draw of 13 all against Glen Waverley Secondary College and two more wins against Mt. Waverley A. and Wheelers Hill B.

Well done to Blake Callant, who ran his heart out in the centre and goal defence; also Bradley Wilson who shot some inspirational goals.

All the boys put in 100% effort for the entire eight games, and should all be very proud of themselves. Well Done.

Linsey Boddy - Junior Boys Netball Coach

Year 7 Boys Interschool Football

Twenty two players represented Ashwood College on Friday 19 June in the Round Robin Competition at Burwood Reserve. Our first game was against Highvale Secondary College. We started well kicking three goals before Highvale scored. Our second half was disappointing as Highvale started to take control. Final scores were Highvale 4:3:27 to Ashwood 3:5:23. Our best players were Corey Quinlivan, Nodia Odigie, Daniel Symonds, Nathan Mark, John Forsyth and Riley Campbell.

Our second match was against Mt. Waverley. Again, we started well kicking early goals and putting pressure on Mt. Waverley players.

great ruck work by Nodia Odigie and roving by Corey Quinlivan enabled Ashwood to stay with Mt. Waverley. However, some vital mistakes in our backline enabled Mt. Waverley to win the game; 7:5:47 to Ashwood 4:4:28. Exciting dashes into the forward line by Alex Simons were the highlight of the game. Other great players were, Ted McDowell, Robert Pugliese and Greg Garganis.

Bryan Walsh Boys Football Team Coach

Year 7 Girls Interschool Netball

Two girls netball teams headed out on the Year 7 interschool sport day at the end of last term. The girls were dedicated at training sessions and possessed the most team spirit by far, than any other school on the day.

The “pink” team, who were competing in Pool A, came up against some very tough opposition. However, they did not give up their fighting spirit, managing to draw their last game after a string of losses.

The “blue” team, competing in Pool B, got off to a shaky start, losing their first match. However, they turned things around to come away with three out of five wins, including a great win over rivals Mt. Waverley Secondary College. The “blue” team finish third on their ladder, narrowly missing out on a spot in the district competition. Some standout performances came from: Shauni Tonge, Anika Lindenmayer, Brigitte Peterson and the ever versatile Mikaela Miller.

A big thank you to Ellen Campbell and Elly Pilgrim, the Year 9 helpers on the day. Well done girls!

Natalie Same, Year 7 Netball Coach

Zone Cross Country

On Wednesday 17 June, five students represented Ashwood College at Yarra Glen Racecourse in the Zone Cross Country. We had excellent results with Chynea Lang coming 5th in the 14 Year Girls, after a fantastic finish passing at least two girls on the home straight. Chynea will now compete in the State Cross Country Championships at Bundoora next term.

We had three representatives in the 12 & 13 Year Girls with Mikaela Miller coming 27th, Lois Shea 72nd and Nyakoang Nyak coming 85th. Sebastian Temple represented the boys well with an excellent effort in the 18-20 Year Boys coming 21st in a strong field over the 5km. All races had between 70 and 100 competitors.

The students should be congratulated on a fantastic effort and we wish Chynea all the best at the State Championships.

Melissa Worth - Sports Coordinator

Sarah Perkins wins State Team Selection

Year 10 student, Sarah Perkins has been selected in the 2009 Victorian Secondary School Girls Football Team. Sarah will attend a national four day tournament in Maroochydore, Queensland, commencing on 25 July.

The College extends its congratulations to Sarah on her outstanding achievement and we wish her well for the upcoming competition.

Sandra Baker—Year 10 Coordinator

Parents & Friends

The next Parents & Friends Meeting will be held in the Ashwood College PAC foyer on **Thursday 30 June from 7.30 pm to 9.00 pm (approx)**. Everyone is welcome to attend. If you have an agenda item or would like to know more, please email Dale Wain at wain.dale.1@edumail.vic.gov.au

Please note the change to the P&F Meeting date - there is no meeting on Thursday 6 August.

Upcoming Events / Dates for Parents & Friends

P&F Meeting , PAC Foyer Thursday June 30 th , 7.30pm
School Production Raffles August 17 th – 20 th
P&F Meeting , PAC Foyer Thursday September 3 rd , 7.30pm
Trivia Night , PAC Ashwood College Saturday September 5 th 7.30pm
P&F Meeting , PAC Foyer Thursday September 17 th 7.30pm
Bunnings BBQ , Nottinghill Bunnings Sunday November 1 st 8am – 5pm
Market and Music Festival , Ashwood College Saturday November 7 th

Billy G’s Gourmet Cookie Dough Fundraiser

Order forms for this fundraiser were sent home with students earlier this week. Completed order forms and monies are to be returned to the General Office by **Friday 31 July**.

Cookie dough and prizes will be delivered to the school on Monday, 24 August for collection after school from the canteen. Students collecting two or more tubs will need strong carry bags and preferably a lift home as the cookie dough is heavy as some of last year’s students can attest to.

For any information or queries, please call Lyn on 0402 241 556 or Anne-Maree on 9803 6950.

Trivia Night 5 September 2009

The Parents & Friends Committee is seeking donations that will be raffled or auctioned at our two upcoming fundraisers; the inaugural **Ashwood College Trivia Night/Silent Auction** evening and the second **Annual Gas Light Market**.

The fundraisers are to raise money to contribute to the purchase and installation of permanent outdoor shade structures surrounding the canteen area and towards the air-conditioning fund. We have a target of \$5,000 and we sincerely hope you are able to assist our fundraising by contributing an item or service from you or your business.

If you are interested in donating goods (see suggestions below), please contact Dale Wain wain.dale.1@edumail.vic.gov.au or you can leave the donations at the General Office.

Don't forget to ask family and friends too!

- Accommodation
- Wine
- Food (anything gourmet jams, chocolates, etc)
- Haircuts
- Cosmetics
- Homewares
- Jewellery
- Seeds
- Gardening tools
- Subscriptions
- Gift Vouchers
- Sporting Equipment
- Golf lessons
- Clothing (gift vouchers)
- Autographed paraphernalia
- Music/CDs
- Movie passes
- Knitting needles and wool

- Toys
- Tourist destination tickets – Puffing Billy, Healesville Sanctuary, Werribee Zoo, etc (ensure the expiry date is after the event)
- Skiing Day pass
- Massage/Beauty Treatments
- Sporting event tickets
- Hardware (toolkit, set of screwdrivers, etc)
- Local restaurant/pub meal vouchers
- Dance/singing/yoga lessons

Dale Wain - Family & Friends Coordinator**NACHOS CANTINA**

Stop in for a taste of Mexico at Nachos Cantina and raise money for Ashwood College

Time: 6.00 pm to 9.00 pm

Date: Thursday 6 August 2009

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