



ASSUMPTION NEWS

July 17, 2009

Dear Parents, Students, Staff and Friends of our Assumption community,

Welcome back for the second semester. I trust the vacation was an enjoyable time for all and that it gave families the opportunity to again touch base and reinvigorate their relationships. It is to be hoped that all our students have returned refreshed and committed to approaching their studies positively this term. It is an exciting time at the College with the opening of the Arts/Technology Centre. This is an outstanding educational facility and will greatly assist our students to develop their skills in the subject areas.

Staff news

We welcome back Mrs Jo Cross and Mrs Catherine Raso from leave, and we welcome to the College the following staff members:

Mr Jeremy Holt – Director of Boarding.

Mr Damian Coonan – Physical Education/Religious Education.

Ms Nikki Doyle – Mathematics/Science.

Mrs Tonya Frost – Integration Aid/Learning Enhancement Centre.

Ms Carolyn McCarthy – English/Physical Education.

Mr Bernard O'Connor – Media Studies/English.

Ms Rochelle Stokes – SOSE.

Ms Michelle Mead – Personal Assistant to the Principal.

Mr Brett Miles – Information Communication and Technology (ICT) Technician, network administrator.

We wish them every success and happiness in their time at ACK.

Br Frank McIntosh is co-ordinating the Learning Enhancement Centre in Mrs Barbara Radford's absence this term. Mr Terry Cooney will be the Acting Austin House Co-ordinator this term as Mrs Tracy Kift is on maternity leave, and we wish her a restful time in the lead up to the birth of her first child.

Staff professional development

Last Tuesday, Fr Richard Leonard talked to the staff about some of the changes taking place in Catholic schools in the 21st Century.

We looked at strategies that as educators in Catholic schools we can use to critically engage with our students while holding true to our Catholic beliefs. I believe we all came away with a clearer understanding of the challenges Catholic schools face in today's society.

Subject selection for 2010

Over the next six to eight weeks our students will select their subjects for next year. Students who require the most support are those going from Year 9 to Year 10 and from Year 10 to Year 11. To begin this process there'll be a parent information evening for students entering Year 11 in 2010 on Monday, July 27 at 7pm. I look forward to chatting with parents on the night.

Year 11 Formal – June 26

The Year 11 Formal, held at the Moonee Valley Racecourse Function Centre, was a most enjoyable social occasion for our students and their families.

I compliment the students on the way they presented themselves and thank the following staff members for their work in organising the function: Mrs Tracy Kift, Mr Brett Benkenstein and Mrs Maureen Kurzman. A special note of thanks to our dance teacher, Mrs Madeline Salkeld, for helping prepare the students for their dances.

Building the Education Revolution grant

The College has received the wonderful news that the Federal Government will be giving us \$1.2 million to transform the old Arts/Technology Centre into a Year 9 Learning Centre. In the first stage, science laboratories and a LOTE learning area will be built. Work is expected to begin within three weeks, and the refurbishment project will be completed by early 2010.

Co-curricular photos

A reminder that co-curricular photos will be taken on Friday, July 31. For the day to run smoothly, it is essential that all students involved bring to school the appropriate sports uniform.

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Principals' conference

During the holidays, I attended a principals' conference with 1500 educational leaders. Its theme "Charting the New Education Landscape" gave me the opportunity to re-affirm my sense of purpose and to walk the journey with colleagues who share the mission of nurturing young lives and preparing them well for the future.

Kind Regards,



Michael Kenny
Principal

Pathways

Congratulations to the following VET and SBAT students who have won awards recently.

Two Year 12 students from 2008, James Monks-Corrigan and Melanie Grech, have won the vocational students prize along with \$2,000. James recently won the Kangan Batman TAFE award for outstanding 3rd year apprentice builder and also won the silver medallion.

http://www.deewr.gov.au/Schooling/AustralianVocationalStudentsPrize/Pages/national_student_prize_for_vet.aspx.



James Monks-Corrigan



Melanie Grech



Troy Ashton is a finalist in the Victorian Training Awards making him one of the best ASBA in Victoria. He has won \$500, and if chosen as the winner on August 21 at Crown Palladium he will win \$10,000 and go on to the Australian Training Awards. Troy is working at Wallan Neighbourhood House

completing his Cert. III in Business Administration as part of his school based traineeship.

<http://www.skills.vic.gov.au/events/victorian-training-awards>



Jake Zerella has won a Defence Scholarship. He is a VCAL student doing General Maths and a SBAT in Plumbing. He has been awarded \$3,000.

<http://www.defencejobs.gov.au/education/dts/#>



Stephanie Bekema has won a Premier's Award for her VET Community Services completed in Year 11. This recognises Stephanie as one of the best five performing students in Victoria in this VET subject.

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/events/premiersvce/default.htm>

More information on these awards can be found at the above web sites. Well done to these wonderful students.

Mrs Carol Fisher
Pathways Co-ordinator

From the Careers Desk

Subject selections

Term 3 is all about students from Years 8 to 12 making choices for next year. It is important that students attend all the special information assemblies during the term, that they read all the information and booklets that will be handed out and take notice of all cut-off dates to make the most of their opportunities. Outlined below is the process we have organised for each year level to support them.

Year 8

Students in Year 8 choose two electives per semester for next year. These electives are wide and varied and we hope they allow students to gain further experience in subjects that appeal to them.

Some of the subjects include semester taster units in the arts and technology, an introduction to agricultural studies, continuation of LOTE and music courses and additional PE subjects. Mr White will meet the Year 8s and explain the selection process later this term.

Year 9

Year 9s choose seven semester subjects for next year. These include the unit of mathematics and English they wish to do, an introduction to VCE subjects, commencement of VET courses and most faculties offer a variety of other units for students to try. Later in the term students will be given a booklet outlining the choices available to them.

Pastoral care teachers will be able to help students with the selection process. An information night to explain these options to parents will be held towards the end of term.

Year 10

Year 10 students started the subject selection process with a subject information morning on Monday, June 15. The morning began with students participating in a goal-setting session led by guest speaker Darren Pieria. This was followed by a VCE/VCAL/VET subject expo where all senior subjects were on display, and teachers answered questions about their courses.

Students were given a subject booklet before the holidays which outlines all the subjects being offered next year. We hope parents and guardians have seen this booklet by now!

Pastoral care teachers will be available to mentor students about subject selections for their final two years at ACK.

An information session for parents will be held on **Monday, July 27**.

Year 11

Most Year 11s don't usually wish to make major changes to their subjects for Year 12, but if they do or if they wish to change from a VCE certificate to a VCAL certificate then they need to make an appointment with a pathway teacher for help with these changes.

Year 12

Students wishing to begin tertiary studies next year must apply to the Victorian Tertiary Admission Centre (VTAC) or the equivalent body interstate.

An information session about how to apply for courses, scholarships and residential colleges will be held for students on **Friday, August 7** and one for

parents on **Tuesday, August 18**, the last night of the break to make it easier for boarders' parents to attend after returning their children to the Boarding House. We will be available to help students with the application process.

Open days

Victorian universities hold open days in August. We were reminded recently by a parent that they are not just for senior students, but also for students in Years 9 and 10. This is correct, as information about what subjects are needed for courses can be gained at open days. For example, it would be too late half way through Year 11 (or even later) to find out that you need to do chemistry to study physiotherapy.

The dates for all open days are advertised on the door of our office and on the career noticeboard. Most open days are on Sundays between 10am and 4pm. Students should take the opportunity to look around campuses and **ask questions. It is not the time to collect brochures.** If students are unsure about what to do at an open day they can either see us or have a look at the open day folder on the career site on Simon.

The Australian Defence Force Academy

The Careers Promotion Team from Defence Force Recruiting recently visited ACK, and a number of students made enquiries about the ADFA.

Due to the high level of inquiries, Defence Force Recruiting will conduct an information session specifically focusing on the ADFA as follows:

When: Wednesday, July 29 at 6.30pm.

Where: Defence Force Recruiting, Level 14/501 Swanston Street, Melbourne.

To register: Those interested in attending must call 131 901, as places are limited.

The ADFA application process follows strict time lines which are governed by the final selection boards. Please note, Year 12s interested in applying for the ADFA and who have not started the process, it is crucial that they attend this information session to get their application on track.

Are you interested in an engineering career?

Melbourne University's engineering graduates will speak to students from Years 10 to 12 who may be interested in an engineering career in the Library at lunchtime on Monday, July 20.

Are you interested in living at St Hilda's College?

St Hilda's is a residential college connected to Melbourne University but it also accepts ACU students. Representatives of the college will be available in the Library on Thursday, July 30 from

11.30am to speak to students or parents wanting to know more about the college or the application process.

Are you interested in animation?

Holmesglen College is calling for entrants to the Victorian Student Animation Festival. Interested students are asked to submit their 10 minute animations for public viewing and a chance to win prizes by Friday, July 24. For further information and entry details phone: 9564 6395.

If you have any questions about career information email us on: careers@assumption.vic.edu.au

Mrs Jenny Pendlebury and Mr Chris White
Career Co-ordinators.

Music news

A few months ago Mr Barlow invited all senior music students to see "the greatest band in the world;" the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra. While not all of us are fans of classical music, the opportunity was one taken up by a majority of the Year 11 and 12 students, even if merely for the experience.

On May 25 and June 22 we ventured to Hamer Hall, and after two very 'scenic' bus rides we were quite pleased to have made it at all. We heard a wide variety of pieces ranging from classical symphonies to concerti. The next and final concert we are to see is in August.

As someone not that accustomed to classical music, the concerts were amazing and truly worthwhile. The sheer sound created by the orchestra was astounding, and the music truly does come to life in such a fantastic hall. I, like many others in this group, have benefited greatly from the concerts and thank Mr Barlow and the music staff for organising the experience.

By Rachel Comte – Year 12

15th Australian Marist Netball Carnival

The Australian Marist Netball Carnival was hosted by Sacred Heart College, Adelaide from Sunday, July 5 until Wednesday, July 8. The Assumption College First netball team competed against Marist Schools from around Australia in the annual event. 17 teams were entered, with six teams from Victoria including ACK, six teams from NSW, two from WA, one team each from the Northern Territory and Tasmania and of course, the host school's team from South Australia.

ACK's team was made up of a blend of experience and youth. Team members were: Olivia McEvoy (Captain), Elizabeth Braybon, Hayley Comerford,

Chrystalla Neouphitou, Alice Williams, Vanessa Kennedy, Alana Mascitti, Monica Gill, Tamara Stewart, Alexandra Hanson and Ruby McLean. Sport Co-ordinator Mr Marc Merigan did a wonderful job as team manager and scorer. Ex-student and 2008 Netball captain Jess Kennedy came along as Assistant Coach and was a great asset providing very valuable feedback and support.

On Sunday, July 5 the team met at Melbourne Airport neatly dressed in their Assumption uniforms, with their luggage and flew to Adelaide at midday. In Adelaide the girls hit the shops of Glenelg and enjoyed a relaxing afternoon together. The carnival got off to a wonderful start with the Opening Mass at Sacred Heart College. Mass was followed by a bite to eat before the girls met their host families. Thanks must go to those families for opening their homes and taking care of our girls. They loved the billeting experience and quickly formed some obvious bonds with their families.

Early Monday morning the preliminary games began as a way of splitting the competition into two divisions, the top division being the championship division and the challenge division. After the ACK girls got off to a rocky start, being defeated by the host school, Sacred Heart College, in the first game, they were determined to show what they were made of and won their next two games to earn a place in the championship division.

Pool D preliminary results were:

ACK lost to Sacred Heart College, Adelaide, 12-25.

ACK defeated Mt Carmel High School, Varrowville, 18-13.

ACK defeated Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, Alice Springs, 26-9.

The girls were excited to have made the championship division, however, they knew they had some tough netball ahead.

On Monday afternoon the championship division games began with the girls getting off to an excellent start displaying some fantastic skill and team work to win their first three games. The games continued all day Tuesday allowing each team in the division to play each other.

Championship division results were:

ACK defeated Marist Sion College Warrigal, 28-16.

ACK defeated Mt Carmel High School, Varrowville, 18-16.

ACK defeated Lavalla Catholic College, Traralgon, 23-17.

ACK lost to Notre Dame College, Shepparton, 22-24.

ACK lost to Sacred Heart College, Adelaide, 13-32.

ACK lost to Trinity Catholic College, Lismore, 12-31.

ACK lost to Catholic College, Bendigo, 22-30.

ACK drew with Bunbury Catholic College, Bunbury, 20-20.

From the boundary

Assumption College and Bunbury Catholic College ended up on the same points with three wins, four losses and one draw, only Bunbury had a higher percentage and, therefore, ACK finished one below them in 6th position. This meant the girls would have to face 7th position, Lavalla Catholic College at 9.15am on Wednesday morning to try to hold their spot and go on to play-off for 5th.

The girls were confident after defeating Lavalla the previous day and came out strongly. The scores were level many times but the Lavalla girls ran away in the last five minutes defeating ACK 33-25.

After only a 20 minute break the girls then had to play Marist Sion College to compete for 7th position. Again the scores were level many times. With the pressure getting intense the Assumption girls started to make a few uncharacteristic errors and Marist Sion gained a 6 goal lead with only a few minutes to go. The ACK girls never gave up however, and fought even harder in the final minutes to try to bring them back, but they ran out of time with the siren sounding with ACK being one goal down. The final score 33-32. Our girls finished 8th overall in the carnival which is an enormous effort by all in the team.

While results are due to the efforts of all team members, some individual performances are worth mentioning. Libby Braybon was the key defender throughout the tournament and did a fantastic job. She was awarded ACK's player of the day on Monday and received votes for most wanted player from many of the opposition coaches. Captain Olivia McEvoy, worked tirelessly in goals for the entire tournament impressing selectors and was named in the All Australian Marist Netball Team (the top 12 players of the carnival) and was awarded a medallion at the closing ceremony. Also impressing selectors at the carnival with her dominance in the mid-court was Year 11 girl Alana Mascitti who was named in the Highly Recommended Team and awarded a medallion for her achievements. Not surprisingly, Alana was awarded ACK's player of the day on the Tuesday.

With the excitement of the carnival coming to an end on Wednesday afternoon, it was time to head home. All the girls were exhausted and looking forward to a shower and a nice long sleep in their own bed. The Assumption girls were outstanding representatives for the College and took away many special and memorable experiences from the tournament.

A big thank you to Mr Marc Merigan for all his hard work before and during the carnival that allowed the trip to go ahead and be successful. Your efforts were greatly appreciated. Special thanks must also go to Mr and Mrs Gill who made the trip to Adelaide and were a great help and support to the girls and staff.

Miss Tammy Barton – Coach

Daniel is All-Australian

First XVIII vice-captain Daniel Talia gained all-Australian selection at CHB following his very good displays for Vic Metro in the Under 18 Championships.

Meanwhile, his younger brother Michael represented Victoria in the U16 national titles in Sydney during the holidays.

Their grand-dad, Harvey Stevens, played for Footscray and Collingwood and his dad, Arthur, captained the Bulldogs.

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ACK Captain Brendan Allen, Nick Lawless and Willy Wheeler played for Murray Bushrangers. Nick was in fine form with three goals at Carrara versus Gold Coast.

A fair number of the rest of the Firsts squad played with senior club sides across Victoria and the Riverina during the break.

Now it's the tough part of the season for the 2009 team as it tries to win back-to-back AGSV and Herald Sun Shield titles.

The Dark and Light Blues must win the vital Marcellin clash at ACK on July 18 to be sure of contesting the AGSV final on August 1.

Four days later (Wed, July 22) Assumption meets the ever strong Parade in the Shield semi – at TEAC Oval Port Melbourne (Williamstown Road) at 11am. The winner there will progress to the 2009 Shield title clash at the MCG on Sunday, August 9.

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It's been a good season for ACK's other nine teams – all of whom should finish the series strongly. At the holiday break 2nds, 3rds, 10A, 9A were all in line for premierships.

The various coaches and their assistants have done a fine job.

Vale Michael Donovan

This brief column pays tribute to Michael Donovan who died suddenly. Sympathy is extended to Lorraine and family – Steve, Chris, Kellie and Paula – all of whom attended ACK with distinction. Mick and Lorraine were tireless workers for ACK across a long period and may be numbered among the cavalcade of people down the years who have "made" Assumption.

Thus it's "Vale! Mick" and may a humble and much loved man be already at peace in the Greater Life.

Mr Ray Carroll

First XVIII-XI Coach



*A tribute to St Joseph's Pascoe Vale
Campus (1956 - 2009)*

Back to Pascoe Vale Morning

July 26, 2009

10.30 am – 12.00 pm

For former staff & students

*Morning tea will be served in the Staff
lounge*

Memorabilia will be on display

Education Tax Refund Don't forget to claim

How do I claim the Education Tax Refund?

- In your tax return.
- If you don't lodge a tax return, claim on a separate form or over the phone.
- If you use a tax agent, make sure you ask him or her to claim for you.

The Education Tax Refund lets you claim up to 50% of eligible education expenses for school children. If you are eligible, you can get back up to \$375 for each primary student and up to \$750 for each secondary student.

You can claim things like text books, stationery and even internet costs.

If you receive Family Tax Benefit Part A for a child at primary or secondary school, you will be eligible. Some other people are eligible too. To find out more about this and other information such as what you can and can't claim go to australia.gov.au/educationtaxrefund or call the Tax Office on 13 28 61.



Dates to remember

July 21	Full school assembly.
July 23	AGSV winter sport team selections.
July 24	Year 10 Careers Expo.
July 26	Years 8-12, 2010 enrolment interviews.
July 27	Year 11, 2010 subject selection information night. AGSV boys winter team selections.
July 28	AGSV girls cross-country championships.
July 31	Co-curricular photos.



