



# MENTONE GIRLS' SECONDARY COLLEGE

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## NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents,

The school year has got off to a great start, with few problems thus far.

The Year 12 class of 2007 have done very well with their results, indicating improved performances in many subjects. It is really important that all students at all levels get into good study habits right from the start of the year. If they can, our results will continue to improve.

Students and staff were surprised and delighted to hear that the Channel 7 program 'City Homicide' is filming an episode on location at the College this week. Thirty-five girls have been lucky enough to be used as extras, and Media students have spent time watching the process. I have no idea when the show will go to air, but I'm sure we'll be told in good time.

As usual, at the start of the year, we run elections for College Council. The notice is contained in this Newsletter and I urge you to consider standing for election. Please telephone me if you want more information about this.

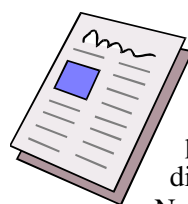
Year 12 students have their Conference this week and preparations are underway for the Year 7 camps in Week 4.

This year we welcomed 20 new teachers to the College. In the interests of safety and so we can learn each other's names, I have asked staff to wear their name badge when on duty. If you visit the College, please come to the General Office, rather than going directly to the sub-school office or elsewhere in the College first.

Could I also ask parents not to drive into the College grounds to drop off or pick up your

daughters? There is limited parking for staff, especially with the building works, and it can get very busy before and after school.

Deborah M Lehner  
Principal



### Newsletter Distribution

The College Newsletter is produced fortnightly and distributed on Thursdays. College Newsletters have always been available on our website, [www.mgsc.vic.edu.au](http://www.mgsc.vic.edu.au), and will continue to be online for all families to access, rather than hard copies. To access the newsletter online, please follow these prompts once on the website:

- Select **OUR COLLEGE** (the drop down banner at the top of the Home page)
- Then **NEWSLETTER** (In the burgundy section on the left side)
- Then Double click on the Newsletter date you are wishing to access

Some hard copies will be available at the General Office for those families without Internet access.

Uniform Shop  
– Opening times



Monday:	1.15pm – 2.15pm
Tuesday	3.30pm – 4.15pm
Wednesday	8.30am – 9.30am

## Captain's Corner

To the new students joining us this year, welcome! To the returning students - welcome back! My name is Lauren Geschke and I am College Captain this year.

Well here we are, another start to another year. The way I see it, another race is about to begin. But before it does, are we prepared? The holidays were the time to prepare. I hope everyone is well rested from their time off. Summer holidays are a time to relax, reflect on the previous year, the previous race, develop goals and momentarily lose focus in preparation for four terms of concentration. Then, after days spent lying on the beach clearing our heads or long nights up late with girlfriends discussing the future, we are back here, on track towards reaching the goals we have set ourselves.

I love the beginning of the year. It is so full of possibilities. At the moment there are 11 months lying ahead of us. Every opportunity is out there, waiting to be snatched up, nothing has passed us by yet. First place is up for grabs to everyone. It is up to the individual and how hard they push themselves to make it to the end. At the beginning there are no feelings of regret, or disappointment - only excitement and hope. No one knows their full potential yet, nothing is certain.

As you move up in the College, each year level has something new to offer, and things keep changing. Yet there are a number of annual events that we can always count on for those magic memories. This year I am especially looking forward to the Year 7/12 Fancy dress, not to mention the first of the House Events, the Swimming Carnival, which is fast approaching. (Have we got our outfits ready??) Other exciting events for the year include the Year 7 camp, Year 10 Social, VCE Formal, Peer Support, House Music, Athletics, and Cross-country, to name a few.

So make the most of 2008 and seize every opportunity that comes along. Year 12's, if we all do our best to make it enjoyable and memorable, then it will still be sad to leave, but so much easier knowing that it has been the best possible year. We will really put to use the saying "All Good Things Must Come To An End".

Pace yourself. It's a big year - and it's only what you make it.

Lauren Geschke  
College Captain

## College Matters

### VCE Results 2007

The Class of 2007 has achieved outstanding results in its VCE exams.

The College Dux was Rosanne Walters, who achieved an ENTER score of 99.25.

Many other students have achieved outstanding results in individual studies – 2 students received perfect study scores of 50 and 2 students achieved scores of 49.

163 students completed their VCE at Mentone Girls' in 2007. 23 of these have achieved ENTER scores of over 90, 62 students have achieved ENTER scores over 80 and 102 students have achieved ENTER scores over 70.

90% of our Class of 2007 achieved ENTER scores of over 50. The College achieved a Mean Study score of 32. This is a very high score and places Mentone Girls' amongst the leading Government Schools in Victoria – a position of which we are very proud.

Most of our exiting Year 12 students will proceed to tertiary education. Mr Feben has provided information about the destinations of the Class of 2007 elsewhere in this newsletter.

All of our departing 2007 students deserve congratulations on their achievements. Thanks should go to all the teaching staff whom have supported these students so well throughout their education at Mentone Girls' Secondary College.

Simon Frazer  
Assistant Principal

### Curriculum News

The curriculum development team at MGSC are very excited about a number of refinements to our curriculum as well as new initiatives that will be introduced in 2008.

The development of stronger independent learning skills in our students is one of the central goals of our College's strategic plan. To this end, we are in the early stages of developing a *learning to learn* program in partnership with two of our neighbouring schools, Cheltenham Secondary College and Parkdale Secondary College. Under the auspices of the RATL (Raising Achievement, Transforming Learning) project developed by iNet Australia (International Networking for Educational Transformation), and with funding from a grant from the Australian Government Quality Teacher Program, our program will draw upon international research and the work of one of

Britain's Specialist Schools' Trust exemplar schools, Cramlington Community High School.

As Term One gets underway, parents will notice a number of changes in the way in which we are addressing the Victorian Essential Learning Standards (VELS) this year.

Last year, in addition to the usual overview provided by each teacher in the first few lessons with a class, we introduced a single sheet *Course Outline/Learning Expectations* document which was issued in all classes at the beginning of each semester and which became a reference for both teachers, students and parents. In addition, students were encouraged to set personal learning goals in each subject and to periodically reflect on the progress being made towards achievement of those goals.

This year, all students in Years 7 – 10 will also be required to develop an overarching *Personal Learning Plan* in which they set learning goals which have a broader focus than the ones that they develop for individual subjects. This document, known as a *PLP*, will serve as the vehicle by which each girl can monitor progress being made throughout the semester in things such as her organisational skills, use of appropriate study and revision strategies, and the deliberate building of a repertoire of learning techniques. The *PLP* will become part of our reports package and will also enable parents to play a role in reflecting on their daughter's progress.

Parents should already be aware that we have a renewed focus on the use of ICT (Information and Communication Technologies) in 2008. All students from Years 7 – 10 will be required to complete a series of tasks from *The Computer School* program as part of an ICT goal in their *Personal Learning Plan* for Semester One. Please check with your daughter on the documentation that has been issued to her regarding this important ICT work.

If you have any questions regarding our college curriculum, please do not hesitate to contact me by phone on 9581 5200, or our Director of Curriculum, Tania Tickyj. We would be very happy to discuss any of your concerns at any time.

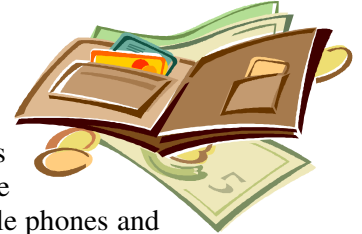
Jan Tallarida  
Assistant Principal

### Welcome to Jasmine Ngcobo

This week we are very pleased to welcome Jasmine Ngcobo from Letsibogo Girls' High School, Soweto South Africa. Jasmine will join our Year 11 class group. Thank you to the Ivey and Bashfield families who have already

generously volunteered to host Jasmine for the first half of the year. I urgently require host families for terms three and four. It would also be wonderful if any family planning a holiday or day trip to any of our popular tourist venues could invite Jasmine to join them to share this experience. The College would cover any extra expenses involved.

### Valuable belongings at School



It is very upsetting for students and families when valuable items like blazers, text books, mobile phones and wallets are misplaced or taken from school bags. All girls are provided with a secure locker and padlock to secure valuable items. In such a large College we are unable to guarantee the safety of items left in classrooms, school bags or unlocked lockers. It is timely to remind the girls to keep valuables safe. We would appreciate it if families could reinforce this message with their daughters as well. All students are expected to take responsibility for the safe keeping of their belongings.

It is most important to note that the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development does not hold insurance for any personal property brought to school.

### Parents and Friends

The AGM for this group will be held on Tuesday March 11<sup>th</sup>. The Parents and Friends meet at the College on the second Tuesday of every month. This group welcomes new members and especially looks forward to meeting parents of the Year 7 students at the Parent Information Night on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March.



### Safety When Dropping Off and Picking Up Students

Parents are asked not to drive into or park in the school grounds when dropping off or collecting their daughters during school hours. Parking illegally in Balcombe and Charman Roads also presents safety issues for students. Parents do need to be aware that Council Parking Officers frequently monitor parking in these streets and take the numberplates of those cars that drop girls off outside the designated areas. We thank you in anticipation of your cooperation in this matter.

Judy Lielnors  
Acting Assistant Principal

# Senior School

Welcome back to all our Year 11s and 12s.

We would like to congratulate Louise Nelson who has been elected the Year 11 Vice Captain. She will join Lauren Geschke, College Captain, Olivia McConchie, Year 12 Vice Captain and Jessie Pearce, SRC President as our College Leaders.

We are also looking forward to an exciting year of sport, music and fun led by our wonderful House Captains:

	<b>Captain</b>	<b>Vice Captain</b>
KENNY	Nicole Lowe	Karly Funnell
JACKSON	Alex Baum	Samantha Howard
MACKELLAR	Melissa Arnts	Maddy Lee Gow
MELBA	Jacqui Escott	Genevieve Mayes

We would like to acknowledge all the girls who have offered themselves for leadership positions. There is such a depth of commitment and talent amongst them. We are sure they will find ways to contribute to our College and make these final school years even more fulfilling.

We would like to welcome Ms Christopoulos to the Senior Sub School as a Year 11 Student Manager and thank Mrs Wainwright for her fantastic support in the Senior School over many years. Year 10s are indeed most fortunate to have Mrs Wainwright's support this year.

The student managers will have responsibility for the following students:

## **Year 11**

Ms Christopoulos: Girls with surnames from Andrews to Marriott

Mrs Selir: Girls with surnames from Matthews to Young

## **Year 12**

Mr Bartlett: Girls with surnames Alt to Langworthy

Mrs Steinfortt: Girls with surnames Law to Young

Please feel free to contact any of the Student Managers or Mrs Egan, the Sub-School Leader, with any concerns you may have regarding your daughter's progress or welfare. The number is 9581 5231. This is also the number to ring if your daughter is ill or missing school for any reason. Please contact us on the morning of the absence, including if your daughter needs to leave school for an appointment. Your notification will be recorded and you will not need to send a note. Within the next fortnight you will be notified of particular arrangements for absences from SACs.

Year 12s are currently on their study conference at Mannix College. The conference encourages the girls to develop study and life skills and helps

build the positive group culture so important in the final year. Thankyou so much to Mr Bartlett and Mrs Steinfort for the organisation and running of the camp!

Finally, we welcome all our new VCE students to the College, particularly our Soweto student who arrived this week, Xolile Ngcobo (Jasmine) and Meret Bauer, on exchange from Switzerland. We hope you will very much enjoy your year of secondary education with us here at Mentone Girls' Secondary College.

Senior School Team

# Middle School

Welcome back to all Middle School students in Years 9 and 10 for 2008.

A special welcome is extended to our new students Brie Hannah Underwood, Prashanthi Jitendren, Alexandra Crocker and Chloe Benedickter in Year 9 and Constanza Ferreyra Bas, Linda Han, Monisha Yuvaraj Thandu, Evelyn Siegrist, Kahleen Low and Giselle Kaplan in Year 10. Thank you to the buddies of these new students and all middle school students who have helped them to settle into their new surroundings.

We wish all students a most successful year for 2008. We encourage them to work hard and take up opportunities that motivate and challenge them in both the formal curriculum and co-curricula programs.

## **Uniform**

Students are reminded that they should be in full and correct school uniform everyday. Correct lace up black leather shoes and blazers should be worn to school everyday. No makeup or jewellery, and facial studs should be covered each day or clear plastic plugs inserted please.

## **Punctuality**

All middle school students are reminded of the importance of being **punctual** each day.

Students should arrive by 8:30am each morning. This early arrival allows students to welcome their friends and share their news before collecting books from their lockers and getting to form assembly by 8:48am.

Punctuality ensures a smooth hassle free start to the day.

## **Homework**

Students are encouraged to be well organised in keeping their homework. If difficulties arise, we encourage them to attend a Homework Haven session each week and to seek help from their teachers to avoid falling behind.

## Student of the Week

Each week, staff (of Year 9 and 10) are asked to nominate students for a 'Student of the Week' Award who show the following attributes; care, endeavour, academic excellence, positive attitude, sporting excellence. The weekly winner is announced at the start of each week and will receive a certificate and small gift of encouragement.

## Absences

If your daughter is unable to attend school due to illness a courtesy telephone call to the Middle School Office (see telephone numbers following) would be very much appreciated. Otherwise, for auditing purposes, the absence must be followed up with a written note of explanation on your daughter's return to school. Thank you.

## Year 9 Camps in 2008

Most students of Year 9 and their families will be aware that all Year 9 students in 2008 will attend one of four destinations (Bogong, Tasmania, Canberra or Central Australia) during camp week early in term two. Families have been encouraged to budget for this event since Information Evening held in August last year. Information and details regarding the camp payment process will be distributed to students during a special assembly planned within the next week. Families must remember that full camp payment will be required during the first week in March.



## In conclusion

The Middle School Team encourages all Year 9 and 10 students to seek help from their respective Student Manager when concerns or problems arise. It is most important and quite empowering for the students to develop greater independence and gain increased confidence in solving or working through their concerns.

However should parents have any concerns during the year, regarding matters relating to their daughters in Middle School, you are invited to contact any of the Middle School Team as listed below on 9581 5208 (for Year 9) or 9581 5218 (for Year 10):

Mrs Judy Lielnors	Middle School Assistant Principal
Mrs. Meredith Hutchins	Middle School Manager
Ms. Bronia Koperszmidt	Year 9 A B C D
Mrs. Paula Cohen	Year 9 E F G H
Ms Jane Wainwright	Year 10 A B E F
Mr. Michael Warden	Year 10 C D G H

Middle School Team

# Junior School

Welcome Year 7s! Welcome Back Year 8s!

*Just a note to let you know,  
We're glad to have you here,  
So here are some things to help us start,  
A brand new, fun school year!*

## Junior School Student Managers

Ms Deneil Hasell	7 C D E F
Mrs Julie Young	7 A B G H
Mrs Frederica Goldis	8 A B C D
Mrs Julie Ayers	8 E F G H
Mrs Petra Witt	Junior School Manager
Mrs Jan Tallarida	Junior School Assistant Principal

## TOO SICK FOR SCHOOL DON'T FORGET TO LET US KNOW

Year 7 – 9581 5240

Year 8 – 9581 5244

## 24 HOUR ATTENDANCE LINE

## IT'S COOL TO BE AT SCHOOL

If your daughter cannot come to school for some reason, we would appreciate a phone call as soon as it is convenient. There is an answering machine connected to the office phone, so messages can be left 24 hours, 7 days per week. Please remember to leave your daughter's name, her form, and a reason for her absence.

Another concern is being LATE to school – children find it difficult to engage when they don't start with their class, and learning is interrupted. Please ensure your daughter gets to school on time and attends the maximum possible days. It will make a difference!

## Important Dates and Changes to CAMP

Tues 12 Feb - Year 7 Parent Information Night

Mon 18 Feb~Wed 20 Feb – Year 7 Camp for **7CDEF**

Wed 20 Feb~Fri 22 Feb – Year 7 Camp for **7ABGH**

## Lockers

Students are asked to ensure they secure their padlock before going to class, recess and lunch. All valuables, (such as money, keys, phones, blazers, etc) should be left in secured lockers rather than bags. Big items (such as sporting equipment) can be left in the Junior School Office for the day.



**Reminder:** if your property is NAMED, lost items can be returned to you when found!

Junior School Team

# SRC

Over the holidays Lauren Geschke, Louise Nelson and I gave up three days of our holidays to attend a leadership conference. The conference met and exceeded our expectations by far. It was an incredible three days - filled from start to finish with early mornings, late nights and everything in between. The sessions were informative and worthwhile, with an amazing atmosphere. The diversity of the people attending showed a visual representation of leadership at its best.

If you believe you have the qualities desired to be a student leader, make 2008 your year and step up to the challenge. As SRC President for 2008, I'm looking for a group of students who are passionate, dedicated and have that urge to make a difference. If you have any questions about the SRC please don't hesitate to speak to Mrs Liakos in Staffroom B, or come and talk to me.

I wish you all the best in applying for leadership positions and the school year ahead!

Jessie Pearce  
SRC President

## Do you want to be a Student Leader & you think you have what it takes?

Form Captain/SRC Nomination forms are available from the General Office and are due back to your sub-school office by the 8<sup>th</sup> of February, with voting taking place on February 13<sup>th</sup>. Domain Leader applications can be obtained from your subject teacher.

Mrs Leah Liakos  
Student Leadership Coordinator

## Music

The Performing Arts Domain would like to welcome back class music teacher Janet McCutcheon after 2 years overseas and also welcome a new drama teacher, Adam Howells.

We are anticipating a busy term, including the move into the new College Music Centre after 25 February.

**Music Camp. 22-24 February at Warburton Arrabri Lodge.** Bookings are underway and camp forms were distributed this week. The all inclusive cost of the camp is \$205. The purpose of the camp is to establish our major performing ensembles and their new repertoires for 2008: Concert Band, Symphonic wind, Choir, String ensemble, Jazz Band and Stage Band. All



students with more than one year of tuition are welcome. As well as rehearsals, the camp offers a wide range of recreational activities and our evening talent shows are famous! The camp concert will be held on Wed 28<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30 pm. All performers are to wear full school uniform on this evening. All enquiries to Mrs Firestone or Ms Tate.

**Music Student Leadership.** An information meeting was recently held and completed applications are due to Mrs Firestone/Ms Cook/Ms Liakos by Wed 13<sup>th</sup> February. Music leaders are expected to attend Music Camp and all major performances during the year and I am sure they will find the effort most rewarding. House Music Leaders will need to attend training on Wed 13<sup>th</sup> February at 7 pm, as well as the House Music Festival on Wed 14<sup>th</sup> May.

Instrumental timetables are being finalized and students are asked to keep an eye on the notice board outside the band room. Please see Mrs Firestone if your name is not on the timetable and you expected it to be there. To maximize students' learning opportunities, the College has home practice diaries available. Music staff will issue all instrumental students with an ensemble rehearsal and practice schedule. This ensures the girls and their families are aware of expected commitments to the program.

Key Music Dates for Term 1.

Feb 13 Student conductors workshop 7-9pm  
Feb 22-24 Music camp  
Feb 28 Music camp concert 7.30pm

## Maths

### Year 7 – 10 Mathematics students

In the first week of Term 1, all Mathematics students in Years 7 to 10 received a Course Description document from their classroom Mathematics teacher. The document is to be used as a helpful guide to you and your daughter regarding the Learning Outcomes that will be covered in their Mathematics classes. Please ensure that you and your daughter have read and signed this document and your daughter has returned it to her Mathematics teacher in the first two weeks.

### Year 10 Mathematics students – Computer Algebra System (CAS) Calculators

2008 Year 10 Mathematics students were informed that early in the New Year they would be notified as to which Computer Algebra System (CAS) calculator they would be required to purchase.

The Mathematics Domain have spent a great deal of time investigating and trialing this technology over the last year and have decided that we will recommend that our students obtain the **CASIO ClassPad 330**.

**All year 10 students have received a letter for parents containing more information. If you have any concerns, please contact Mrs Perks on 9581 5200, or have your daughter see me in Staffroom A**

### **Year 11 and 12 Mathematics Orientation Programs**

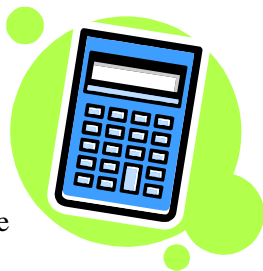
All Units 1 and 3 Mathematics students were provided with an Orientation Program at the end of 2007. They have been asked to complete preparatory work that is to be handed in to their 2008 Mathematics teacher in the first two weeks back to school. Please encourage your daughter to submit this work which is valuable preparation for her VCE Mathematics.

### **School for Excellence Lecture Programs**

Intense workshop programs will be held in March for Specialist Mathematics and Mathematical Methods Units 1 and 3. See your Mathematics teacher for details.

### **Calculators**

Abacus Calculators are again offering students at MGSC their book listed Scientific, Graphics and CAS (Computer Algebra System) Calculators at these prices.



Casio FX 82AU @ \$19.95 inc GST (Scientific – 2008 Year 7-9 students)

Casio ClassPad 330 @\$199.00 inc GST (CAS - 2008 Year 10 students)

TI 89 Titanium @ 198.00 (CAS -2008 Year 11 students)

TI84 plus @ \$165.00 inc. GST (Graphics - 2008 Year 12 students)

Padded Case @ \$5.50 inc. GST

Special order forms are available from the General Office.

Please ensure that your daughter's calculator has been clearly named, and I suggest that all students using Graphics and CAS (Computer Algebra System) Calculators have them engraved.

**Helen Perks  
Mathematics Domain Leader**

## **LOTE**

### **Homestay required**

The College has offered to support a practical teaching round for a student teacher from International Christian University, Mitaka, in western Tokyo, Japan. Yuko Yoshida, a 22 year old university student (female) majoring in Teaching Japanese as a Second Language, will be with us from Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March to Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March.



Any family interested in providing Yuko with a homestay for the period please contact me at school for further details. Board will be paid for the three weeks.

Homestays like this have been very successful for both sides in the past. Please give the possibility your earnest consideration.

Allan Trigellis-Smith  
Domain Leader - LOTE

## **CAREERS**

### **Destination Information for the Year 12 of 2007**

I am very pleased to report that our Year 12 girls of 2007 recently received a wide range of VTAC first round tertiary offers. A breakdown of our data is as follows:

- 141 students received VTAC offers (95% of applicants, 87% of students)
- 117 students received a university offer: ACU-12, Deakin-22, LaTrobe-8, Melbourne-13, Monash-41, RMIT-7, Swinburne-3, Victoria-10
- 37 students received a TAFE offer: Box Hill-1, Chisholm-3, East Gippsland-1, Holmesglen-10, Kangan Batman-2, RMIT-4, Swinburne-7, Victoria-2, William Angliss-5
- 8 students received an Independent Tertiary Institution offer
- 21 students received 2 offers (a Commonwealth Supported Place offer and a full-fee offer)
- 8 students did not receive an offer
- 14 students did not apply to VTAC

A breakdown of the types of courses offered is: Agriculture, Environmental and Related Studies – 10, Architecture and Building – 2, Creative Arts – 18, Education – 12, Engineering – 12, Food, Hospitality Management, and Personal Services – 5, Health – 32, Information Technology – 3, Management and Commerce – 31, Natural and Physical Sciences – 20, Society and Culture (arts, children's services, criminal justice studies, psychology, social science, sport and sports sciences) – 42

\* Note that those who were offered a double degree have been included in two of the above categories. The courses offered are diverse and varied which reflects the interests of our girls from last year.

Some of the girls who did not receive a round one offer are investigating courses which they had not previously applied for with the aim of getting an 'irregular offer'. Other girls have already gained employment/trainee positions, whilst some others will be travelling.

### Careers In Sports Medicine – Free Careers Session

Sandringham Sports Medicine Centre (150 Tulip St, Sandringham) is running a free careers session for students interested in a career in Sports Medicine. This session will provide valuable information and opportunities to meet with practitioners from various fields, participate in workshops and have questions answered by experienced therapists. Workshops will include Sports Physiotherapy, Podiatry, Osteopathy, Myotherapy (Massage Therapy) and Sports Nutrition. The session will take place on Saturday March 29 from 12.45 until 2.30. Numbers are limited and interested students should apply online as soon as possible at [www.sportsphysio.com.au](http://www.sportsphysio.com.au). You can also contact Helen Wilkie for more information on 9583 5248 or via email [aide@sportsphysio.com.au](mailto:aide@sportsphysio.com.au)

Greg Feben  
Student Pathways

## FIRST AID

### Oral Medication for Students

A reminder to parents and students that all prescribed medication should be provided to the First Aid centre in a container that gives the name of the student, dose and time to be given. The name of the medication should be clearly marked. Medication will then be stored in a locked cupboard and accessed by the first aiders when required by students.

Students are not to carry medication in their bags or store it in their lockers.

Please note that the First Aid centre **does not** provide analgesics (i.e. Paracetamol, Aspirin, Ibuprofen, etc). Analgesics will only be dispersed to students if they are provided by parents/guardians as above.

These instructions are in accordance with The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (DEECD) First Aid Policy.

Sue Gravina & Suzanne Adams  
First Aid Officers

## **MPOWER MOTHERS AND DAUGHTERS**

### **PROGRAM FOR Yr 8**

***Helping girls understand their friendships and assisting in the development of family connection.***

Here is a great opportunity to develop the relationship between mothers and daughter in Year 8!

**The Stride Foundation Mother and Daughter night  
16<sup>th</sup> April - 7pm in the library**

**It is free of charge. There are places for only 15 pairs of mother and daughter**

If you wish to attend please fill in the form below and return it to The General Office by 12<sup>th</sup> March 2008

#### **INTRODUCTION**

The **Mpower Girls Mothers and Daughters** program explores issues of bullying, self esteem and relationships between girls aged 12-17, assisting them to develop skills to cope with and respond to teasing, gossip, exclusion, manipulation and other situations common among young women. Mothers and daughters will be given skills to develop strong relationships through positive communication and better understand the bullying type behaviour that young women can sometimes display.

#### **AIMS OF THE PROGRAM**

Young people who feel connected to school, family and have positive social relationships in their community are less likely to experience negative health and life outcomes including emotional and mental illness, substance abuse, offending, teen pregnancy, violence and poor education outcomes. The **Mpower Girls Mothers and Daughters** program brings together mothers and daughters to:

- Develop a greater understanding between mother and daughter.
- Enhance resilience and resourcefulness in young people.
- Reduce bullying by girls in schools by increasing a sense of social conscience with regard to supporting others.
- Create supportive, friendly behaviours that build connections within the family.

Any queries please contact Carole Hackwill (SWC)

**Return to: General Office by 12<sup>th</sup> March 2008**

I wish to attend the Mother and Daughter workshop

Mothers name:.....

Daughter's name:.....

# Key Dates 2008

Wed 6 <sup>th</sup> -Fri 8 <sup>th</sup>	Year 12 Conference
Tues 12 <sup>th</sup>	Year 7 Parent Teacher Information Evening 7.30pm PFA 7.30pm
Wed 13 <sup>th</sup>	Form Assembly - Form Captain/SRC Elections followed by House Meetings Conductors Workshop 7.00pm
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup>	Year 9 OED Surfing All day
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup>	Senior Round Robin
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> - Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Year 7 Camp Week Arrabri Lodge 7CDEF Mon- Wed ABGH Wed- Fri
Tues 19 <sup>th</sup>	Year 10 English – Alice Pung - Lecture Theatre period 4 College Council
Wed 20 <sup>th</sup>	Year VCE Information Night
Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup> - Sun 24 <sup>th</sup>	Music Camp Arrabri Lodge
Mon 25 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Swimming Carnival – all day- Parents welcome East Benteigh Pool , East Boundary Rd</b>
Tues 26 <sup>th</sup>	Year 7 Round Robin Year 9 Night of the Notables - 7.00pm
Wed 27 <sup>th</sup>	House Music Assembly
Thurs 28 <sup>th</sup>	Year 12 PE Surfing Excursion Torquay Year 7 English Boori Pryor Pd 4 LT Music Camp Concert 7.30pm J
Fri 29 <sup>th</sup>	Year 11 English – John Schwartz Pd 4 LT
<b>MARCH</b>	
Tues 4 <sup>th</sup>	Year 8 Cranbourne Garden Excursion All day
Wed 5 <sup>th</sup>	Intermediate Round Robin MGSC, MGGS & Kilbreda combined event- Celebration of IWD
Thurs 6 <sup>th</sup>	IWD Badge Conferring Assembly 11.35am -12.25pm ABC Concert 1 Hamer Hall 8.00pm
Fri 7 <sup>th</sup>	VCE Supportive Friends Year 9 OED Windsurfing 10.30-11.45am Year 8 Round Robin House Music Launch 2 <sup>nd</sup> half P3 and Lunch
<b>Mon 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Labour Day Holiday</b>
Tues 11 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Staff PD Day No students required on this day</b> PFA AGM 7.30
Wed 12 <sup>th</sup>	Level Assembly - Sub Schools
Thurs 13 <sup>th</sup>	Leadership Training- College & Form Captains and Domain Leaders
Fri 14 <sup>th</sup>	Leadership training SRC
Mon 17 <sup>th</sup>	Beachside Swimming Sports Immunisations years 7.9 & 10
Tues 18 <sup>th</sup>	Unit 1 Business Management Market Day- lunchtime Year 7-12 Fancy Dress College Council
Thurs 20 <sup>th</sup>	Year 12 Chemistry Excursion Pd 1&2 <b>Last day term 1 HAPPY HOLIDAY</b>

## *Some Important Future Dates*

<b>April</b>	Mon 7 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Day 1 Term 2</b>
	Thurs 17 <sup>th</sup>	House Athletic Carnival Dolamore Oval Mentone - Parents welcome
	Mon 21 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Staff Conference No students required at school</b>
	Wed 23 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>Parent Teacher Interview Day</b>
	Fri 25 <sup>th</sup>	Anzac Day
	Mon 28 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	Year 9 Camps Week
<b>May</b>	Thurs 8 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Open Night</b>
	Wed 14 <sup>th</sup>	House Music Night
<b>June</b>	Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup> - Fri 6 <sup>th</sup>	Years 9,10 & 11 exams
	Mon 9 <sup>th</sup>	Queens Birthday
	Wed 11 <sup>th</sup> - Fri 13 <sup>th</sup>	Year 12 exams
	Fri 13 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Report Writing Day</b>
	Fri 27 <sup>th</sup>	Last day term 2 reports distributed
<b>July</b>	Mon 14 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Day 1 term 3</b>
	Fri 18 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Staff PD Day no students required at school</b>
	Mon 28 <sup>th</sup> Fri 1 <sup>st</sup> Aug	Year 10 Work Experience
<b>August</b>	Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> Fri 8 <sup>th</sup>	Year 8 camp Week
	Wed 6 <sup>th</sup>	Year 9 into 10 Information Night
	Mon 11 <sup>th</sup>	Year 10 into 11 Information night
	Wed 13 <sup>th</sup>	Year 8 into Year 9 Information Night
	Fri 15 <sup>th</sup>	Year 10 Course Counselling Day Year 10 Social
	Wed 20 <sup>th</sup>	VCE subject selections due
	Thurs 21 <sup>st</sup>	Year 12 MIPS counselling 4-8.00pm
	Wed 27 <sup>th</sup>	Year 12 Parent Teacher Interviews 5-7.30pm
<b>September</b>	Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 12 <sup>th</sup>	Production Week - except Thursday
	Thurs 11 <sup>th</sup>	Year 7-11 Parent Teacher Interview Day
	Fri 19 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Last day Term 3</b>
<b>October</b>	Mon 6 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Day 1 Term 4</b>
	Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Last day of classes year 12
	Thur 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Year 12 excursion
	Fri 24 <sup>th</sup>	Valedictory Dinner
	Fri 31 <sup>st</sup> - Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> Nov	Year 12 exams
<b>November</b>	Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>Staff PD Day</b>
	Tues 4 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Melbourne Cup Day</b>
	Wed 5 <sup>th</sup>	Malcolm Art Awards
	Tues 11 <sup>th</sup>	Last day year 11 classes
	Thurs 13 <sup>th</sup> Wed 19 <sup>th</sup>	Year 11 exams
	Mon 24 <sup>th</sup> Wed 26 <sup>th</sup>	Year 12 Orientation Program
	Thurs 27 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Presentation Evening Robert Blackwood Hall Monash University 7.30pm</b>
	Fri 28 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Report Writing Day</b>