Investiture Assembly

We have a very important school gathering on Thursday 2nd March; our College Investiture Assembly. It is an honour to have as our guest speaker, Fern Hames. Fern is the mother of Alex Hopper, our 2016 College Captain.

Fern has just returned from a global leadership expedition in Antarctica, for women in science. Fern manages Science Communication and Collaboration at the Arthur Rylah Institute for Environmental Research (ARI, part of the State government’s DELWP) in Melbourne. She connects people and knowledge; within ARI, and beyond. She has a research background in Antarctic algae and freshwater fish, and extensive experience in engagement, environmental education and citizen science, from Australia’s wild deserts and Wet Tropics, to India and Pakistan. Fern has volunteered in Australia, Tanzania and Myanmar and was a founding member of the Jane Goodall Institute Australia. As part of her work at DELWP, she has a role in emergency management in Public Information. She has a Bachelor of Science (Hons), Grad Cert in Australian Rural Leadership, and is a Fellow of Australian Rural Leadership Foundation.

At our Investiture Assembly, our school student leaders receive their badges of office. This assembly showcases the many young leaders we have in the college: our College Captains, House Captains, Alice Sloan Girls, Peer Support Leaders, Bus Captains, Electroheads, Student Representative Councillors and our Year 12s.

It also highlights the diverse ways in which they lead: on the sporting field, helping new students adjust to the College, working with the greater community, raising funds for worthy causes and helping ensure that students’ journeys to school are safe and happy.

We have a great sense of pride in the students who will receive their badges at Investiture and know they will prove to be fine leaders in our College throughout 2016. Parents and friends are encouraged to join us for the assembly at 9am in the College Hall and after that, for the morning tea in the library with our leaders and staff.
On Tuesday we had a “Leaders’ Lunch”. It involved our College Captains, Senior House Captains and Senior SRC reps. We discussed the running of more lunchtime activities, who should be allowed to wear the new College tie, ways to recognise service and achievement in the College and how to capture and represent student voice in the school. By holding a “Leaders’ Lunch” once a month we hope to make better use of the skills of the fine group of student leaders we are blessed with; through giving them a forum to ask questions, discuss ideas and put actions in place.

As featured on our front page, our Investiture Assembly is being held next Thursday morning. This important tradition of ours is a wonderful way to celebrate and induct the many students we have in the College who lead in many and varied ways. Parents and friends are warmly encouraged to join us.

Below our names are our email addresses. We are both very happy for our college community to use these to contact us. Have a great weekend.

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**College Uniform**

We are very impressed with how well our students wear the College Uniform. We have noticed some students not wearing the correct shoes to school, mainly due to a level of confusion over what is appropriate and what isn’t.

The College Council rules for Uniform state that shoes should be **totally** black, including the laces. They should have no patterns or different coloured logos eg. a silver Nike symbol is not acceptable. Shoes must totally enclose the toes.

We ask that parents check their student’s shoes and remedy this if necessary or give their student a note saying when they will be able to get proper shoes for school.

Nigel Lyttle
Careers News

Horticulture/Turf Management Industry Apprenticeship:
AFL SportsReady currently have an exciting opportunity available for someone who is interested in starting a career in the Horticulture/Turf Management industry. Cathedral Golf Course (A private Golf Club near Thornton-Eildon) is currently under construction and the company (Atlas Golf Services) is looking to employ a Turf Management Apprentice as per the following link: [https://www.aflsportsready.com.au/jobs-board/victoria/6400-sports-turf-management-horticulture-apprentice](https://www.aflsportsready.com.au/jobs-board/victoria/6400-sports-turf-management-horticulture-apprentice)
Applications for this opportunity will close on Friday the 3rd of March 2017.

Carpentry/Construction Apprenticeship:
The Cronin Construction Company are Domestic, Commercial and Civil Building Contractors and an Award Winning member of MBAV (Master Builders Association of Victoria). They service Mansfield, Alexandra and Surrounding areas. They are currently looking for an individual interested in learning the carpentry trade who can apply maths to problem solve, is committed, can follow instructions and hard working. For more information, please contact Gibbo on 0409796585

Parents of Student’s studying VCE Units 3 & 4 Information Evening
6pm on Tuesday the 7th of March 2017
Alexandra Secondary College – VCE area.

6pm-6.10 Introduction & Welcome: Vice Principal, Sue Malcom
6.10-6.20 Study commitment: Yr 12 Coordinator, Bec Van Lierop
6.20-6.30 Wellbeing: Student Welfare, Bron Howell
6.30-6.45 VTAC & the ATAR: VTAC Public Relations Officer, Laurene Coller
6.45-6.55 Parents and Careers: Careers Practitioner, Felicity Wilmot
6.55-7pm Questions & Close

We look forward to seeing you there!

7A Peer Support Mummies in Lifeskills.
Alexandra Secondary College is pleased to welcome Pak Asra and Pak Tarmo, for a 4-day visit next week: Monday February 27 ‘til Thursday March 2. They are participating in the Asia Education Foundation’s Australia Awards Indonesian Teacher Homestay Program, sponsored by the Australian Government, to develop their teaching practice and understanding of Australian society, and to help them build closer connections with Australian teachers and school communities.

We are pleased to have the opportunity of having some Indonesian native speakers at our school again, to support our Indonesian language and culture program. If you see Asra or Tarmo, please try a “Selamat Datang! (Welcome!), “Selamat Pagi!” (Good Morning!), “Apa kabar?” (How Are You?) or just a thumbs up “Bagus!” (Excellent!/Great!) They are sure to appreciate any efforts to use Indonesian language.
Alexandra Secondary College Debutante Ball

Tickets are now on sale for the 2017 Debutante Ball to be held at Marysville Community Centre on the evening of Saturday April 1st. Tickets cost $30 for seats at a table (BYO supper), or you can purchase viewing tickets at $20 for adults or $15 for students.

Tickets will be on sale at the school office until March 17th, so to avoid disappointment, get your tickets early. If you are organising a table, please let the office know the table you wish to be seated at, eg. Year 12’s, staff, etc.

The Deb Ball is an alcohol-free event and we ask all people attending to respect and abide by this. The Parents and Friends group provide tea, coffee and dessert on the night.

Any Deb parents or school families who are interested in helping with preparations and logistics for this event can email Rebecca Hoornweg at bec.hoornweg@outlook.com for information. If there are any Deb parents who have not been receiving email updates from the committee, please also contact Rebecca Hoornweg at the above email address.

This is a major fundraising event, and all offers of assistance are greatly appreciated.

For Debutantes and their partners, photo money and forms should be returned to the office, and any outstanding Deb fees need to be paid as soon as possible.
This weekend coming is the last chance for 12 to 18 year olds to help paint the Rotary Park BBQ Shelter Murals.

Alexandra Football / Netball Club – Junior Netball Training

Junior Netball training for all age groups will commence on Thursday 2 March starting at 4.15pm at the AFNC netball courts for all interested Under 12, 14 & 16 Netball Players. The first training session will be a combined session for all age groups.

Registration information will also be handed out on the night. Any queries can be directed to Michelle Jack on 0400 519 862.