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## **FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL**

### **A MESSAGE FROM DEPUTY PRINCIPAL, MRS MERYL KEATING**

The theme we follow for Term 3 2009 is one of **Choices**.

Our Pastoral Care programs for Years 10, 11 and 12 particularly are based on “choices” students need to make. This theme also flows very smoothly through to our weekly assemblies with Mr David Miller highlighting a thought provoking saying at each assembly based on the term’s theme.

Some important choices for Term 3:

1. **Parent/Teacher Interviews** for all year levels will be held on Tuesday 21 July. Parents are reminded that interview times with teachers can be made online and the necessary information needed to make the interviews will be in the mail this week. Please do not hesitate to call the school to make interviews if the online process does not suit you.
2. **Subject Information Evening for Year 10 going to Year 11 in 2010**. This event will be held in the school Lecture Centre on Tuesday 4 August commencing at 6pm. The evening will consist of presentations about the pathways available to students through the range of subjects available. Topics such as the differences between authority and non- authority subjects, what is a QCE, who sits for the QCS exam and many more important topics will be addressed on this evening. Each of the faculties will have displays and teachers will be available to discuss subject choices.
3. Following the Subject Selection Evening, Year 10 students and their parents will then be involved in **SET Plan Interviews** from 10 August through to 28 August. Students will be receiving information about specific subjects choices offered in Years 11 and 12 in their weekly pastoral care program. Parents will be able to make online bookings for the SET Plan Interviews from 6 August. Online information will be forwarded prior to 6 August. Our Guidance Officer Mrs Shirley O’Ryan is also available to assist students with information about specific career choices.

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## **PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS FOR YEARS 8 TO 12**

Parent/Teacher interviews will be conducted for Years 8 to 12 from 3.15pm to 7.30pm on Tuesday 21 July. Interviews will be of 7 minutes duration and can be made online through a link on our website at [www.aspleyshs.eq.edu.au](http://www.aspleyshs.eq.edu.au) This link will be open from 9.00am Thursday 16 July and close 12 noon on Monday 20 July. Parent login pin number/s have been mailed out this week. Please keep a look out for these in your mail box. This internet-connected computer system is very user-friendly, however if you do not have access to a computer or the internet, you are most welcome to telephone the school office on 3863 9222 to arrange bookings.

**Deb Deaves**

**Business Services Manager**

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## **THE ARTS**

### **ARTS TOUR 2009**

With only thirty sleeps to go, our students and teachers are looking forward to our Arts tour. We will be taking 60 talented students to northern NSW, and will perform at Warwick, Stanthorpe, Lismore, Bangalow and Byron Bay. We have planned a one hour show which will highlight our Stage Band, String Ensemble, Hip Hop, Bollywood, Drama and Art students. It will be a fantastic four days, and

we can't wait. Please make sure you have made your final payments, and completed all necessary forms. Time is running out.

## **BRING IT ON!**

Miss Jacobson has been busy rehearsing with our students as we prepare to enter the Bring It On! Dance competition on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> August at Suncorp Piazza, Southbank. We will be selling tickets to the event in the next few weeks, so why not come along and support our dances. Final rehearsals are now underway. Good luck performers.

## **ART EXTENSION**

Last term's classes were a huge success and students were able to create clay sculptures which could be used as candle enclosures. This term Miss Britten and Mrs Beale have decided to continue with sculpture, exploring the use of armature. The class will be able to create a sculptural figure using a special medium called Powertex. This medium allows the artist to sculpt with fabric and soft fibres and sets to a firm finish with a copper-look finish when painted.

Due to the cost of the Powertex, we will be asking students to pay an up front fee of \$10 for this term. Payments can be made to the office with the slip provided below.

Classes will continue to run on Wednesday afternoons from 2:45pm - 4pm. Students will need to make arrangements for travel home.

If you have any queries please speak with either Mrs Beale or Miss Britten on ph. 3863 9247.

## **'THE SCHOOL OF THE ARTS'**

Year 11 Drama students are off to attend an evening performance of *The School of Arts*. This play is part of the 2009 Qld Theatre Company's season and students will be required to write a play review on this production. We will be viewing this production on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> July, at 6.30pm. The performance will be at The Playhouse, QPAC, South Brisbane. This performance is timely, as students in Year Eleven Drama will be studying Indigenous Drama in semester two. The cost of the ticket is \$21 and money needs to be paid asap.

## **INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC**

A reminder to all instrumental music students, lessons, ensemble, rehearsals, are on again this term, as per your timetables. Stage Band students are reminded also that you will be performing at Allans Music, Queen St Mall, next Friday 24<sup>th</sup> July. You should have received a letter regarding transport arrangements for the day. Any questions please see Mrs Lonsdale or Mr Van.

***Mrs Sue Lonsdale***  
***HOD – The Arts***

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## **MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS**

(compiled by R.Venables, Middle School Teacher)

### **CANBERRA TRIP**

Our Year 8-9 Vacation Trip this year saw 49 students head south. Our touring began after we said goodbye to Nick (our 2005 and 2008 trip driver) and welcomed Peter Desmond (our 2006 driver) at the Dubbo Zoo gates. (It is wonderful that past drivers are always keen to host Aspley students again.)

*At the rhinos' night enclosure*



We had a warm start with just 8° for our morning walk, and after talking to the animals, lunched at “The Dish” before the final dash to Canberra and the opportunity to settle into our accommodation for the next five nights.



*Our first group photo, at “The Dish”, outside Parkes*

Over the next three days, we took in the tourist sites, learnt a lot about our national capital and our system of government, shopped until we dropped and ate until we were more than satisfied.

*At the Mount Ainslie Lookout, with Canberra behind.*

As well as the activities familiar to all Canberra trippers, there were some differences. We stayed at a different place of accommodation; a motel more centrally located but in many ways inferior to our unavailable tourist park out of town. The Mint and National Dinosaur Museum returned to the itinerary, but the former was still in a state of “renovations in progress”, limiting what we could see. However, we could still mint our own dollar coin for three dollars.



*In the formal dining room, Government House.*



At Government House we had a combined tour of the house and grounds (including the garage) – seeing more than ever before on a single visit and experiencing Melbourne’s changing weather, migrated north for a couple of days.

*Making moving pictures, ScreenSound*

We shared the National Film and Sound Archive (Screensound Australia) with Jack Thompson (he did not drop in for a chat though) so we watched a movie he starred in a couple of days later.





*The eternal flame in the Pool of Reflection*

The Australian War Memorial, was as usual a visual and emotional highlight, but this time it included a visit to the Discovery Zone – a hands-on place to experience aspects of our military history.



*Telephoning a report from a World War One trench*

On the Friday, the snow at Perisher was deep, but hard on the toboggan run. It snowed and winded on us for most of the day, resulting in an ahead of schedule departure to benefit those who discovered what cold really meant and did not appreciate it.



*Our big snowball*

Our trip home again took us via Cowra, but we overnighed at Bathurst this year, straight after two laps of the Mount Panorama racing circuit (two, because a camera battery failed at a crucial moment!) and some spending time at the Motor Racing Museum shop.



*Mount Panorama – lap two*

Our motel here was clearly the accommodation highlight of the trip, and dinner at the local sports club was the culinary highlight of the trip. Someone suggested we should have a Bathurst trip just to stay here again!

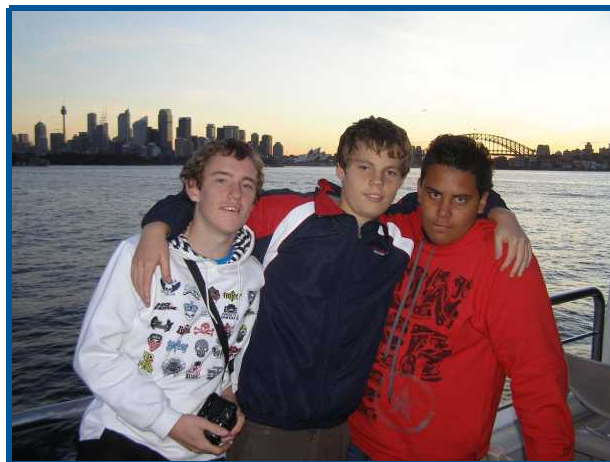
*Dinner at Bathurst...Before....*



*...and After!*



Our final day had us passing Blue Mountains vantage points (in lovely sunshine once again), Sydney's ANZ Stadium (we called it Telstra Stadium last time we saw it), Bicentennial Park (where half of Sydney was picnicking) before being dropped in the city for a walk around the Opera House (where the rest of Sydney was afternoon tea-ing) to Circular Quay for our Sydney Harbour sunset cruise.



*Sunset cruise, Sydney Harbour*

At Wyong, our dinner stop, farewells and thankyou's were said before the long, overnight trip home.



*The staff, atop Mount Ainslie*

Many thanks are owed to the staff who organised and ran the trip: Mr & Mrs Venables, Miss Robinson, Mr Hayward, Mrs Paul and Mrs Casey; trip assistant Steven, driver Peter, 49 students who enthusiastically availed themselves of the many opportunities to make it a fantastic trip and the parents whose support enabled us all to go.

## **THANK YOU to the AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT for assistance for our trip to the NATIONAL CAPITAL.**

As you read above, our Year 8 and 9 students have just completed a wonderful, educational vacation trip to Canberra.

Because the Australian Government recognises the importance of young Australians being able to visit their national capital as part of their civics and citizenship education (in Humanities and SOSE), we are receiving financial assistance from them under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate (PACER) programme in the form of \$60.00 per student towards the cost of travel expenses incurred. We expect to receive this payment at the school in a few weeks time.

The school will forward cheques to individual families in the week or two after this. We would like to thank the Australian Government for their support through this programme.

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## **FROM THE GUIDANCE OFFICE**

### **TSXPO - TERTIARY STUDIES EXPO**

Aspley State High School students and staff have been extended an invitation to attend this year's 28<sup>th</sup> annual TERTIARY STUDIES EXPO at the RNA Showgrounds, Brisbane.

TSXPO is the largest tertiary studies event of its kind in Australia. This year the event will be hosting more organisations in its history, with over 100 exhibitors including all Queensland universities, universities from interstate and overseas, private education colleges, Defence forces, TAFE institutes, Government agencies and employers, student services and more. There is also an increase in the number of Government employers and professional associations that will be attending this year to discuss with visitors graduate recruitment and employment opportunities. A number of competitions and incentives are part of the TSXPO event and in 2009, the opportunity again exists for students to secure a bursary to assist with their educational costs.

#### **Event Details:**

#### **TSXPO - TERTIARY STUDIES EXPO**

Where:	Exhibition Building RNA Showgrounds Brisbane
Date:	18 & 19 July
Time:	10 am – 4pm each day
Cost:	FREE

To obtain further information please visit Tertiary Studies Expo website: [www.tsxpo.org](http://www.tsxpo.org)

***Shirley O’Ryan***  
***Guidance Officer***

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## **PUTTING PARENTS IN THE PICTURE**

‘At last, sensible & factual information on how you can manage your teenage gatherings- and look after their safety’

DrinkWise Australia has contributed funding for the delivery, review and evaluation of a pilot program entitled ‘Putting Parents in the Picture’ to be conducted in various locations around south east Queensland over the coming months.

**Wavell Heights SHS** is hosting one of these events-

**ON: 23rd July at 7 pm,**

**AT: Wavell Heights State High School  
Telapo Ave, Wavell Heights**

**COST: Free**

Key information addressed will include:

- Understanding the law in relation to hosting under age parties.
- Understanding the risks of hosting an under age party
- Awareness of risk minimisation strategies for hosting parties
- Promoting solidarity between parents, teachers and stakeholders when dealing with issues facing youth

You are invited to attend the presentation by Adair Donaldson and participate in the evaluation of the Educational program. To register for this event phone 07 4659 9277 or go to <http://www.puttingyouthinthepicture.com/form.html> By registering you agree to participate in the pre and post evaluation being conducted by DrinkWise Australia. This is a short questionnaire that can be completed by email.

Liz  
School Nurse

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## **AVIATION CAREERS EXPO – Women in Aviation**

Click here to download a flyer from Aviation Australia

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## **FREE PERSONAL SAFETY WORKSHOPS**

Brisbane City Council is running free Personal Safety Workshops for all Brisbane residents over 14 years of age. Please click here to view seminar information & locations

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## **AUSTRALIAN VETERANS' CHILDREN ASSISTANCE TRUST**



### **Scholarships for Children of Veterans intending Tertiary Studies in 2010**

In 2010 the Australian Veterans' Children Assistance Trust (AVCAT) are expecting to give financial assistance for up to 65 students under many different scholarship schemes. All schemes help the selected children in need of the Australian veteran community with the costs of tertiary education. Applicants are considered for all schemes for which they are eligible. Applications open on 18 August 2009.

To apply you must be:

- Within the means test. That is eligible on assets and income grounds for Youth Allowance benefits for full- time education.
- Enrolled, or planning to enrol in a full-time course of tertiary education in Australia by attendance at a university, TAFE or college. The course must be of one or more academic years length and at undergraduate level.
- The child or grandchild of a person who has operational service with the Australian Navy, Army or Air Force, or if not has three or more year's continuous full-time service as a member of the Australian Defence Force.
- Under the age of 25 when applying, unless exceptional circumstances related to veteran's service exist.

The largest scheme is the Long Tan Bursary funded by the Australian Government. There are 50 new bursaries each year. They are valued at \$9,000 each which paid at \$3,000 per year for three years. There are selection number targets for each State and Territory. To apply you must be the child of an Australian Vietnam Veteran, be resident in Australia, be entering any year of tertiary study, having not previously received a Long Tan Bursary.

The other national schemes are the AVCAT Bursary, the two RSL Scholarships, three Vietnam Veterans' Peacekeepers and Peacemakers Scholarship and the Defence Force Welfare Association Scholarship. George Quinsey Scholarships directly pay tuition fees for economics, commerce and accountancy studies. There are also regional scholarships. In NSW, there are three from Brisbane Water Legacy covering Gosford/Wyong NSW and one from the NSW TPI Association. Some private donors offer two scholarships to resident NSW applicants. In SA, the VVAA also offers a scholarship.

Schemes vary between \$3,000 and \$5,000 per year each. Some are restricted to location of residence or studies. Most require veteran service in Vietnam but others are broader. Most schemes continue payments for later years of study. All scholarship schemes but one pays monthly instalments. That scheme helps with tuition costs for courses in commerce, economics and accountancy. One scheme is for indigenous students doing substance abuse or related studies. For this scheme there is no upper age limit nor a need to be related to a veteran. In addition to the above there is one grant per year to assist an handicapped eligible veteran's child or grandchild with special extra costs of transition to tertiary studies or employment.

To receive an application form, register interest on 1800 620 361. Children and grandchildren of Vietnam veterans should do so now, as should any others who believe that they are eligible. If not sure, ask.

Applications close on 31 October each year.

**AVCAT PO Box K978, Haymarket, NSW 1240**  
**FAX: 02 9281 9164,**  
**Email: [vvt@accsoft.com.au](mailto:vvt@accsoft.com.au)**  
**Web: [www.accsoft.com.au/~vvt](http://www.accsoft.com.au/~vvt)**

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## **AUSTRALIAN NAVY CADETS**

Looking for fun, adventure, friendships?

Want to go sailing, shooting, canoeing, power boating?

We are part of the Australian Defence Force Cadet Scheme and our cadets also undertake sea voyages on Navy warships at little or no cost.

We meet on Saturdays from 1.00pm to 4.00pm

Don't miss the boat - Numbers are limited!

Call Robert Collins on 0409 070 454 for more details.

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