

# INSIDE OUT

## Alexandra Secondary College

Date: 27th October 2017

All Parents/Guardians are welcome to contact staff via direct emails.  
Staff emails are located on the ASC website -  
[www.asc.vic.edu.au](http://www.asc.vic.edu.au) select "College Staff" then click on the email address.

### Young Men Old Mountains

Ten of our Year 9 and 10 "young men" will be attending the 'Young Men Old Mountains' program with The Outdoor Education Group (OEG) beginning next Friday, 3rd November. They'll be trekking in the rugged and challenging High Country around Mansfield for ten days. During the trek they'll be carrying all of their clothes, food and the equipment they'll need for the whole journey. They will work together with each other and their leaders during the fun and tough times.

The five elements of the program are:

Community: They'll develop a stronger sense of self, place and identity to find their roots.

A Journey: They are at the threshold of the rest of their life journey. The trek can help them guide them to establish a positive way forward. The young men will spend time on a solo experience for 24 hours to reflect on their journey so far, and where they're heading.

Positive Approach: The aim is to equip the young men with skills and tools to help them meet challenges with a positive outlook.

Sponsorship: Community partners allow OEG to run the program at a cost that the young men and their families can afford, and will also support the young men in their journey.

Young Men and Elders: Young men are striving to grow. They need guidance, support, acknowledgement and opportunities to do this. The young men will have an elder join their journey on Elder's Night to witness encourage their growth.

Following the trek, the participants will participate in mentoring younger boys, public speaking events, and fundraising to support future programs and the community partners.

We thank OEG, Rotary Alexandra and The Alice Sloan Trust for providing this opportunity for our Young Men, and wish the team an exciting and fulfilling journey.



WEEK 3

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Dates to Remember: -

College Captain Elections  
October 30th

Deb Ball Meeting  
October 31st , 6.30pm

VCE Exams Begin  
November 1st

Mission X Camp  
20th to 24th November

End of Year Grand Concert  
November 28th

**Year 11's last day**  
1st December

**Year 10's last day**  
December 8th

Presentation Evening  
December 20th

Term Dates

Term Four:  
Monday 9<sup>th</sup> Oct  
to Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December

## Principal's Report

It is a momentous occasion when a student finishes secondary college and one that deserves congratulations and celebrations. On Tuesday, with the hard work of many people behind the scenes, we said farewell to our Year 12 cohort and they farewelled the school community. It was wonderful to be able to celebrate this milestone in such a positive way and share this day with family, friends, staff and students. We wish our Year12s all the best as they prepare for their final exams.

Teacher Appreciation Day was on Wednesday and the Parents and Friends group went to great lengths to show their appreciation. They provided an amazing lunch complete with tablecloths, flowers, individual goody boxes and some inspiring words from the school council president. On behalf of the staff I would like to thank everyone involved. It certainly made the staff feel that their effort and hard work is recognised and valued.

I would also like to acknowledge those students, and there are many, who on a daily basis thank their teachers for the class as they leave the room. This gesture is hugely appreciated and a terrific reflection on our students.

An important part of any school is being part of the community and this week has been very busy. The Vet Hospitality and the VET Sport and Recreation hosted a group of 50 guests from Puckapunyal Primary school and provided an activity session followed by lunch. The next day the Sport & Recreation class conducted a full day of activities for the Grade 6 Transition Day. Both days were a great success and our thanks goes out to the staff and students involved in those events. Today we see the Year 7 students involved in ELF reading day and again I would like to acknowledge the work that teachers put in to preparing students for these activities.

Elections for the 2018 College Captains will be conducted on Monday. The candidates have written their speeches and put up their promotional posters around the school. I would like to take the time to congratulate all of the candidates, on nominating for this role, and look forward to hearing them speak at the election assembly.

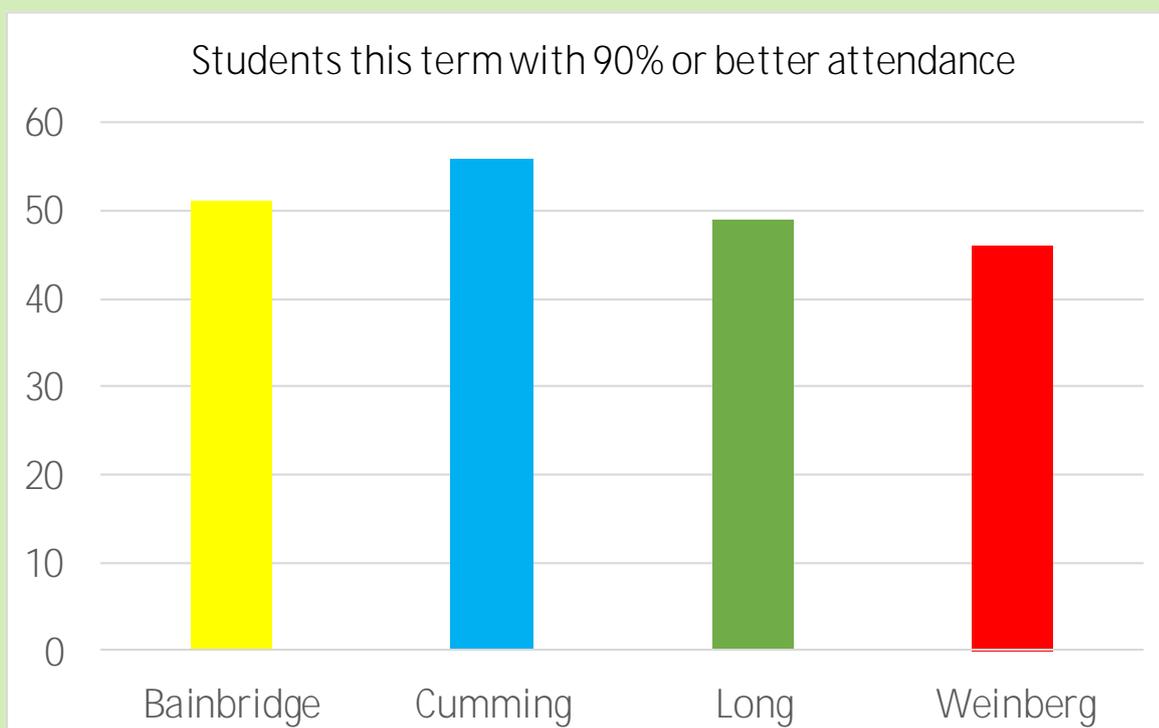
Next week the facilitators from the REACH organisation will return to run follow up activities with our Year 7 – 10 cohorts. The program is working on being aware of our behaviour, the impact it has on others and accepting responsibility for that impact. We saw some great outcomes from the September session and look forward to the consolidation of this work.

Please help us to enforce the Sunsmart policy in our school by ensuring your student has a hat to wear for the remainder of Term 4.

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Students this term with 90% or better attendance	
Week	Number of students
2	292
3	202



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*Every Tuesday Mrs Crouch will be running activities down in the stadium or on the school oval. Please come along and participate. Sports and location will be posted on Sentral each week.*

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## Deb Ball 2018 Plans begin

Year 10 girls and their partners intending to participate in the Deb next March 24th 2018 must attend the compulsory student and parent meeting this week coming.

When: Tuesday 31st October 6.30pm

Where: In the Secondary College Library. Enter via the Office.

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# 2018 College Captain Candidates



On Monday 30th October students will be given the opportunity to vote for next years College Captains.

Good luck to all our candidates



# History Excursion – The Shrine of Remembrance

Year 9 and 10 History students recently travelled to Melbourne to visit the Shrine of Remembrance. This was made possible with the very generous support of the Portland Outreach Program, which financed the cost of the bus and driver. We received many compliments about the outstanding behaviours of our students on the day. The education staff were also impressed with the enthusiasm of our students, the quality of their questions and their knowledge. Our students were able to identify artefacts, and answer questions correctly that no other students from any other school have previously been able to do. Well done, ASC students!

## YEAR 10 REPORT BY KIM WEBBER-LALLY

*Last Thursday, the Year 9 and 10 history classes visited the Shrine of Remembrance in Melbourne. The year 9 class are currently studying World War One and the Year 10 class have been studying World War Two. As we arrived, we were introduced to the Shrine staff. We then were split into two groups. We were taken to different parts of the Shrine for tours of the areas relevant to our current studies.*

***Year 10's watched a video on World War Two and we were able to touch artefacts from World War Two. The staff leader gave us an insight into each artefact, and we were then shown around the museum. Each section displayed a different area of the war, such as the navy and the air force. We were taken into the crypt, where we saw the statue of the father and son which represented the two generations of Victorians who served and died in the World Wars One and Two. We were also shown into the sanctuary where we stood for a minute's silence. We were able to see the light pass over the stone in the centre of the room. Finally, we were taken outside where the eternal flame sits.***

*The building was impressive when viewed from the front and the architecture left us in awe. We were able to walk up a flight of stairs to the top of the Shrine where we could view the city. The trip to the Shrine was an educating and informative experience, and we'd like to thank Mrs Tossol and Mr Nadj for making this excursion happen.*



## YEAR 9 REPORT BY JAMES SOUTHAM

*I enjoyed learning about the different tools that the World War One soldiers used, such as riding chaps instead of jodhpurs and that everyone had a role in the trenches. It was also interesting that a 14 year old was allowed to enlist. The gallery was very interesting, holding hundreds of artefacts including uniforms, an original landing boat from Gallipoli, campaign posters and even modern artefacts from the Afghanistan conflict.*

***After browsing through the gallery's wonderful artefacts, we went back upstairs for a service and the last post. We were told about how on Remembrance Day, at 11am, a beam of natural light shines through the roof. However in 1971 when daylight savings was introduced they had to install a mirror in the roof to let the natural beam shine through at 11am instead of 12noon.***



# Junior Literacy Corner

## Year 7 and 8 Big Write Prompt

The following prompt is for Talk Homework. Year 7 and 8 students will write on this topic during week 3.

### Creature Combination

Pick one from each list to make a creature and animal combination. Now write a short story or scene in which this creature appears.

**List 1**

- Vampire
- Ninja
- Zombie
- Pirate
- Mummy
- Clown
- Banshee

**List 2**

- porcupine
- monkey
- pig
- goat
- lobster
- possum
- shark








## Preparing for ELF Reading Day

The Year 7 English students have been selected to read to primary and kindergarten aged students on ELF Reading Day. This is a great opportunity for them to dress up, have fun and get out in the community. We will be travelling to the Alexandra Library during next week to select books to read. If you have any questions or concerns about the library excursion or ELF Reading Day please don't hesitate to contact Maree Boliancu at the College.



## Puzzle:

STEP 93T2 93T2	OR OR Ø	PEPPER MINT
FATHER FATHER FATHER FATHER	NZZZZN	<i>dress</i> <i>dress</i> <i>+ dress</i>

Answers to previous puzzle:

9 letter words: absorbing, boardings, signboard

147 possible words

D	G	B
S	O	I
N	A	R





### *Apprenticeship opportunities*

*Boilermaker traineeship or SWL here in Alexandra*

*Education support Traineeship - Wangaratta*

*Business traineeship - Wodonga*

*For further information please see Felicity Wilmot in the careers office asap.*

### Internship Opportunity:

Steve Costly, owner of DMK Accountants in Alexandra is offering a current year 12 student an Accountancy Internship.

DMK Accountants will guarantee the successful applicant holiday work for the duration of their higher education studies

For further information please see Felicity Wilmot in the careers office or contact Steve Costly directly either by calling

5772 1915 or email [stephen@dmktaxation.com.au](mailto:stephen@dmktaxation.com.au).

### Useful Careers Resources:

The Department of Education and Training has produced the *Beyond School study guide* - the Guide is a digital resource for year 10-12 students providing information about Australian Government assistance so they are able to make informed choices about their future studies. There are 9 resources included:

Three tertiary education explainer infographics:

*Higher education or VET?* – Provides information about each sector so that students can understand what type/level of qualification they may need to get to the career they want.

*Pathways to university* – Provides examples of ways that students can access higher education (e.g. bridging course; VET/ sub-bachelor studies; ATAR) and points them to apply for uni via their relevant TAC.

*Choose your own higher education adventure* – A flow chart for higher education students to select options that apply to them and find which HELP loan is most suitable for their study choices.

**One HELP loan comparison ‘cheat sheet’** – a table to compare each different loan and provide information about when a student might access each one.

Five fact sheets – one for each of the four HELP loan schemes (HECS-HELP, FEE-HELP, OS-HELP, SA-HELP) and one for the VET Student Loans program, that provide basic information about each.

The guide can be downloaded at the [Study Assist website](#).

### Learn To Drive Opportunity for Alexandra Student



Nyrie Butterfield from PNL 4WDDriving is offering her expertise to a lucky **student who doesn't have anyone to teach them to drive. She's a mechanical engineer by trade, former army mechanic and has spent the last 30 years teaching 4WD owners how to use their 4WDs in rugged terrain.** All you need is your L plates, and Nyrie will supply the car (manual). If you want to be the best, learn from the best!

The hours will be 5pm-6pm on selected days, twice a month. Check out Nyrie's website: [www.pnl4wd.com.au](http://www.pnl4wd.com.au)

## Parent & Friends News



Staff Appreciation Lunch on Wednesday was a great success. The staffroom felt festive and the food was special.

Thank you to all families and their kids for the supply of delicious food. Nothing was squashed from being swung around in a school bag!

The teachers got to feel extra special this year, with an individual desert package in each of their pigeon holes, thanks to one parent.

At the lunch, the P&F Committee thanked teachers for all they do on parents' behalf.

School Council added their appreciation. Read the SC President's sent impressive message below.

### TEACHER APPRECIATION DAY

Wednesday 25th October 2017

*Good Afternoon – to all who have gathered here today to celebrate this special occasion – The Teacher Appreciation Day.*

*Teachers Day is a special and important day to pay respect the teachers of our school in recognition of their contribution in the field of education. Teachers are regarded as the back-bone of our society. They have the greatest contribution to build up the characters of students and help them to become ideal citizens of our community. Their contribution is not only limited to schools but it extends to society and country. Thus, after parents – teachers should receive the due respect.*

*Our teachers teach our students most carefully and sincerely. Parents bring their children up and provide food and drink, love, quality of care and some lessons for survival, but teachers arouse their hearts with light of knowledge and remove all ignorance. The teachers inspire students to proceed forward, to build ethics and prepare to withstand obstacles in life. Teachers are a source of inspiration.*

*At Alexandra Secondary College we are very fortunate to have an abundance of caring, inspiring wonderful Teachers and leaders, and for that, we as parents and committees are very grateful.*

*As President of the Alexandra Secondary College School Council, and on behalf of the committee - Thank You – and we hope you enjoy this small gesture of appreciation provided by the parent body.*

*Thank you again to all that have attended – and my sincere apologies for not being available today.*

*Enjoy your lunch - Mandy Gesler (School Council President ASC)*

### Monster Christmas Raffle 2017

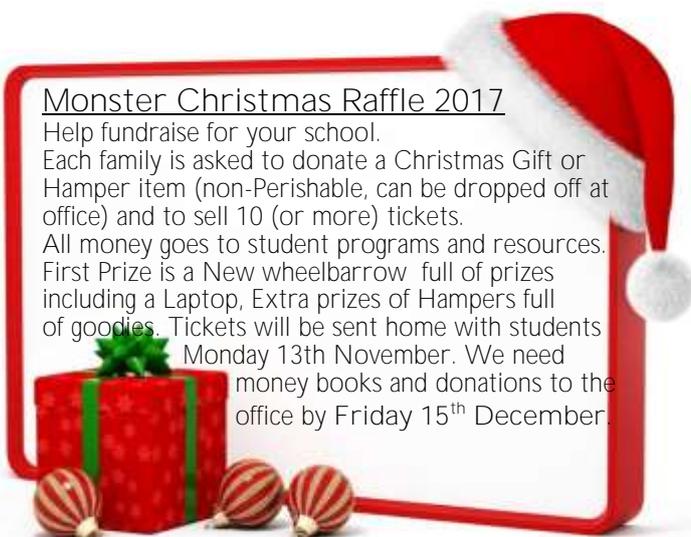
Help fundraise for your school.

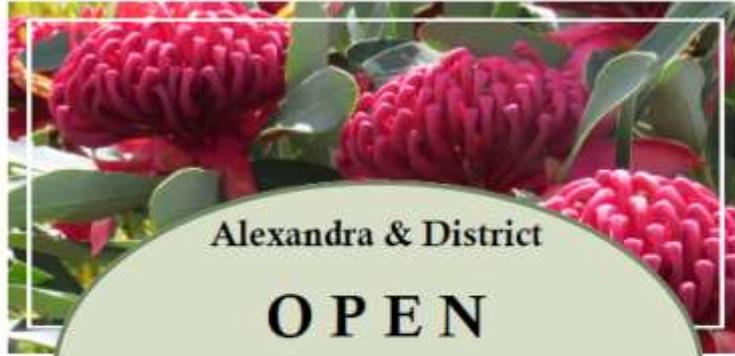
Each family is asked to donate a Christmas Gift or Hamper item (non-Perishable, can be dropped off at office) and to sell 10 (or more) tickets.

All money goes to student programs and resources.

First Prize is a New wheelbarrow full of prizes including a Laptop, Extra prizes of Hampers full of goodies. Tickets will be sent home with students

Monday 13th November. We need money books and donations to the office by Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December





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