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

Congratulations to the following students on being selected as our student leaders for 2015:

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**Cultural Awards Night**

The girls and boys who participated in the performing arts and other cultural co-curricular activities this year were acknowledged at our Cultural Awards Night on September 15. Thank you to our Performing Arts Coordinator Ms Judita Turco for organising the entertaining program and to the many students, parents and staff who attended. Our special guest, well known entertainer Rhonda Burchmore, talked about her career and gave the students some wonderful advice about chasing their dreams, pursuing their chosen careers and persevering despite hurdles. I particularly took note of the challenge she put to the students of always showing respect and of being nice to others.

**Year 11 Formal**

We held our Year 11 Formal on Friday, September 12 in the Celebrity Room at Moonee Valley Racecourse. Our students looked stunning in their dresses and suits and were very sharp while performing their routines on the dance floor. Thank you to staff members Jessica Flavell, Rochelle Coyle and Maureen Kurzman for helping to make the evening memorable.

**Literacy and numeracy testing**

Over 200 year 6 students and 30 incoming year 8 and 11 students will sit literacy and numeracy tests in the Montagne Centre on October 11. The results will help our teachers cater for their learning needs next year. Thank you to Cristina Vergara for coordinating the testing and to the staff who will supervise on the day.

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**Principal’s Report**

September 25, 2014

Mr Michael Kenny

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**Gala Dinner**

ACK Legends’ Night of Nights

Saturday 28th February 2015 | Palladium at Crown

Don’t miss the opportunity to buy your tickets at the discounted Early Bird rate.

Go to www.ack.org.au for more information.
**Unit 3-4 practice exams**
Our senior students will sit trial exams at the start of next term. The exams are designed to focus students’ minds on what is required to be successful in the final exams. I urge our senior students to prepare for the exams during the holidays because at this time of year every opportunity counts.

**College Speech and Presentation Night**
An early reminder about our Speech and Presentation Night in the Gonzales Centre on Friday, November 14 at 7pm. This is a most significant event on the College calendar and, as such, we expect all year 7-11 students to attend. The night promises to be a real celebration of excellence in all areas of school life. By attending, parents will be expressing their support for all that is done on behalf of their children at ACK.

**Term 3 holidays**
I hope our families are enjoying the holiday break. Classes resume on Monday, October 6 and student will be able to wear their summer uniform. However, there will be a transition period where they will be permitted to wear their winter uniform if the weather is cool. I ask our female students to please check the length of their dresses.

**Staff Farewells**
Thank you to Ms Deana Billeci, Mr Trevor Tippett and Ms Clare James for all their work and assistance during the year, covering staff on extended leave. They have finished their contracts with Assumption College and I wish them every success for the future.

Kind regards,

Michael Kenny

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**Important Dates**

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Things you need to know

**Absenteeism:** The College must be notified when your child is absent. Simply phone the **Absentee Line:** 5783 0806 and leave a detailed message or email **absenteeism@assumption.vic.edu.au.**

**Change of contact details:** Please ensure the College is kept up to date with any change of contact details including email and residential addresses and mobile numbers. Simply log on to PAM, go to School Links/PAM support and update your details.

**Uniform Suppliers:**
- C & J Kerris Menswear - Shop 1 & 2 The Mall, 76 Station Street, Seymour Vic 3660, Tel: 5792 433
- Academy Uniforms P/L - 238 Wolseley Pl, Thomastown Vic 3074, Tel: 9460 8011
- Second-hand Uniform Shop: Open Fridays after school from 3.30-4.30pm (opposite the Gonzales Centre, next to the theatrette).

**Need to make a payment?** For payments to the College for items such as excursions, uniform items or study tours, simply [click here].

**Parents and Friends Association:** Don’t forget ACK’s Parents and Friends Association shopping tour on Saturday, October 18, departing ACK bus loop at 7.30am and returning approximately 6.30pm. We will be visiting 10 outlets in Melbourne with games and prizes on the bus. Cost depends on numbers, but if numbers exceed 36 it will be **less than $50** – this includes a two-course lunch.

  *Direct deposit to:* BSB 063855, Act no. 10040096 (don’t forget to put your name & “ACK shopping tour” in reference box).
  *All enquiries and details to:* Deirdre Payne 0438 054 192 (P&F Social Coordinator) deirdrempayne@hotmail.com
  *Next P&F committee meeting is Wednesday, November 5 at 7.30pm in the College staffroom. All welcome.*

**Maths Exam Revision – Start Now!**

All students should be well and truly involved in home-based study and revision for next term’s maths exams.

**Year 9 Study Guide**

Year 9 students have access to a booklet to support their revision program. It is a great resource which ensures all students have the tools needed to better prepare for assessment tasks. [Click here] to download the guide.

**Year 7 and 8 maths – holiday revision**

Year 7 and 8 students are encouraged to access Mathletics during the holidays to keep up to speed with their skills. Many teachers have customised coursework for their classes with set tasks drawn from relevant Australian Curriculum areas. If difficulties are encountered there are tutorials and fact sheets that can assist. The years 7 and 8 programs are focussed on algebra, equations, the coordinate plane and related concepts, so Mathletics activities related to those concepts would be a good place to start, especially if your child complains of being bored these holidays.

We highly recommend that students spend some time during the break looking over their classwork or accessing Mathletics so as to hit the ground running in term 4.

**MathsOnline**

Year 9 and 10 students have a subscription to MathsOnline and should be using it regularly. This tutorial-based, example-driven software covers a vast range of topics and is a handy backup to have if a class has been missed or confusion has set in over how to complete a certain problem. The software allows you to stop and rewind the explanations. The problem-solving activities provide worked solutions which can provide critical feedback to any student who has made an error.

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Ms Laila Sarraf - Senior Maths Coordinator (years 10-12) laila.sarraf@assumption.vic.edu.au
VCAL

Farewell VCAL class of 2014
We held the inaugural VCAL Celebration Night at Trackside in Kilmore on September 18. Year 12 students, their parents and teachers joined together to celebrate the work and projects completed by the students during the past two years. Students organised the evening. They chose the venue and the menu and the displays of work. Joel Brincat, the applied learning leader, introduced Lauren Parkinson (VCAL graduate of 2013) who was guest speaker.

She told us of her journey through VCAL at ACK, about her SBAT in aged care which has led to her now studying nursing at ACU. She challenged the students to make their own success stories and wished them well as they finish at ACK. During the evening, certificates and awards were handed out to the students who had demonstrated outstanding employability skills. We also had a presentation to Harry and Bill from Kilmore’s Men’s Shed in appreciation of the work they did with the numeracy class. The night finished with us all singing Happy Birthday to Tim Kilkenny who was celebrating his 18th birthday.

By the number of emails I have received from parents, it seems that the night was enjoyed by all and that they were certainly proud of their children and of what they had achieved.

Thank you to all those who attended the evening and for those who have sent emails of thanks.

I wish the year 12 students all the best in their future journeys. They are now moving from the security of ACK into the world of employment or further study, and I look forward to hearing of the Class of 2014’s success stories in years to come.

Mrs Jenny Pendlebury - VCAL/Pathways Coordinator jenny.pendlebury@assumption.vic.edu.au

From the Careers Desk

Timely VTAC applications
Timely applications to VTAC close on September 30, 2014 at 5pm. While students can still complete applications after this date, it becomes far more expensive.

SEAS and scholarship applications
A reminder that Special Entry Access Scheme (SEAS) applications close on October 7, 2014 at 5pm. Any supporting documentation must also reach the VTAC office by then. VTAC scholarship applications close on October 17, 2014 by 5pm. Likewise, any supporting documentation must reach the VTAC office by then.

La Trobe University’s Vice-Chancellor’s Scholarship Program
Applications for La Trobe’s Vice-Chancellor’s Scholarship must be submitted to me by October 10. Application forms can be found on the Career Library Page.

Are you looking for casual work?
A number of major companies are advertising to recruit Christmas casuals. This is short-term work and successful applicants shouldn’t expect to have ongoing employment after the busy Christmas period. Companies such as Dick Smith, Bonds, Kmart, Sussan and Sportsgirl are advertising on FIRST10. To find out about upcoming job opportunities, go to the Website or Facebook.

Year 10 mock interviews
I would love to hear from anyone willing to help out with our mock interviews on Tuesday, October 28. You will be asked to interview about six to eight students who will “apply” for jobs fitting their age group and experience. The interviews will take place from noon to 1.30pm (approximately). If you can assist with this program, please phone or email me.

School holiday programs
Many institutions are running holiday programs ranging from VCE examination preparation to work experience opportunities. Some such places include:

- Zoo Keeper for a Day
- Try being a Project Manager for a day
- English Revision lectures
- TSSM Revision Lectures in most subjects
- TSFX Revision Lectures in most subjects
- JMC Academy Workshops for all of their courses

Mrs Jenny Pendlebury - Careers Coordinator jenny.pendlebury@assumption.vic.edu.au
The AGSV Combined Athletics Championships

Girls results
The AGSV Athletics Championships were held on September 10 at Albert Park. Having breakfast at 5.30am because you have to be at school by 6.30am is no easy feat. Forty girls headed down the highway ready for a day of fierce competition and that is exactly what we struck. They gave their best and I was very thankful to the year 7 and 8 girls who covered for us at the last minute at the end of a long eight-hour competition.

Our winners were Claudia Cook under-16 discus, Bridget Cooney who won the Open discus and Casey Adamson, who helped us out on the day, took home three firsts in the under-17 high jump, long jump and triple jump. Thanks to our captain Bridget Cooney who did a superb job of assisting the throwers at their events.

Records broken were by Hayley Phillips in the under-15 200m, Natarsha Inchincoli in the under-17 100m and the under-17 relay team consisting of Hayley, Natarsha Inchincoli, Shannon McLean and Gemma Whitty.

Mrs Vicki Whitty - Athletics coach vicki.whitty@assumption.vic.edu.au

Boys results
In the open events, Angus Wiseman won the triple jump and came second in the long jump. Nick Pupillo was third in the 200m and Jaron Murphy fifth in the 3000m.

In the 4 x 800m, a new ACK record of 8 minutes 50 seconds was set by Michael Gallagher, Ben Barton, Jack Murphy and Jaron Murphy who finished fifth.

A new ACK record was also set in the under-17 4 X 100 relay. Harrison Lubeck, Tristan Mancuso, Braydon Avola and Stephen O’Brien came fifth in 46.83. Stephen was third in the under-17 long jump and Jaidyn Caruana came second in the under-17 shot put.

Assumption also took home seconds in the under-16 triple jump and high jump (Brandon Austin) and Luke Sevior finished second in the under-16 800m.

Shane Skidmore was third in the under-15 high jump (1.70m) and Tom Wyllie was third in the under-14 high jump (1.53m). Thanks to all the girls and boys on the athletics team. We appreciate your efforts.

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Matt Smith - Athletics coach matthew.smith@assumption.vic.edu.au