



TINTERN SCHOOLS

PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER

24 June 2008

Dear Schools Community

“My interests are like four legs of a table; each is important in maintaining my balance – philanthropy, art, science and business”

Dominic Lam Man Kit

Dominic was a refugee from mainland China who fled to Hong Kong with his family. He had a very successful career in Ophthalmology but changed direction in his early forties to achieve more balance in his life. This balance is something that we wish for all the boys and girls at Tintern Schools. Through the many activities that they engage in at school, we want them to have “four strong legs of their table”. As parents, what would you like as the “four legs” of your son’s or daughter’s table?

New ELC for young learners

The Tintern Schools Board is pleased to announce that it has given approval for the School to pursue development and construction of a new state-of-the-art Early Learning Centre (ELC) at our Girls Grammar campus. The on-site construction will start in early 2009 and be completed ready for a 2010 opening.

The new ELC will replace the School’s current Pre-prep facilities and be expanded to accommodate the learning needs and care of 3 and 4 year old children. The ELC will see the Tintern Schools capacity to care for young children effectively double in size from 24 to over 48 students and responds to the growing need for high-quality early learning facilities demanded by parents in the outer Eastern suburbs.

While the ELC is not due to open until 2010, the School is accepting enrolments for the new program. Parents seeking care for their children are encouraged to contact the Registrar as soon as possible to avoid missing out on a place.

New Parent Portal Launch – Closer links between School and home at Open Day on 26 July

The school is excited to launch this project that has been 18 months in the planning and creation. Families will have access to a range of information about their sons and daughters through a secure web based system.

On Open Day, you are invited to attend a session to “Have a look! Have a chat! Have a go!”

There are 4 sessions:

Tintern 12.30pm and 2pm in the CM Wood Centre staffroom

Southwood 11.30am and 1.30pm in the Senior Library

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At these sessions you can collect information about your user names and login details. Staff will be available to assist you in looking at the system. Those families who cannot attend these sessions will have their details sent to them on 28 July. The Parents Association have kindly offered to run further Information Sessions. Details of these information sessions will be in my next newsletter.

The Community Relations Office at Kennedy Cottage (Tintern)

The Community Relations Office is an important link between the various community groups within Tintern Schools. These groups provide a wide range of rewarding opportunities for our parents and past students so that they can make a significant contribution and difference by supporting students, staff and the School.

Working with parents across both campuses, the Community Relations Office provides parents with opportunities to socialise, get to know each other and feel part of the School community. They work closely with the parent class representatives, parent committees and special interest groups in scheduling and planning activities to ensure the event is a successful and positive experience for everyone.

The past students of Tintern and Southwood are assisted in staying connected to the School and each other through Year Group Reunions and other planned activities. Emails and photos from past students are often received by the Community Relations Office and where possible we invite past students back to the school to speak at relevant School assemblies.

Some of the major activities supported by the Community Relations Office include Mothers & Fathers Day stalls, Jazz Night, Debutante Ball, Championship Horse Trials, Second Hand book sale, Parent Class representatives activities, The Biannual Fair, Movie days and Reunions.

If you would like to get involved or just see what events are coming up on the Schools' Community Calendar, please drop in and say hello or call our Community Relations Manager, Mrs Di Lacey or Events Coordinator, Mrs Susanne Brush on 9845 7877. They would love to meet you and discuss how you can support the Schools' programs.

20 Year Service Awards

On Tuesday 17 June at the Tintern Senior School Assembly – Mr Graeme Moor, Tintern Schools Property Manger (March 1988), Mrs Jan Wagner, Tintern Junior Schools Head of Music, Specialist Coordinator (July 1988), Mr Peter Hoiles, Groundsman, Tintern (August 1988), Mrs Sue Healey, Director of Information & Technology Services, Tintern Schools (October 1988) and Mrs Eileen Devenish, Tintern Library Assistant (November 1988) were introduced to the students at Assembly as they were all celebrating their 20 years of service to Tintern Schools. Their fine contribution to our Schools has been in a range of areas over those years but it has always been with the students' best interests in mind. Thank you to Graeme, Jan, Peter, Sue and Eileen.

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Year 12 Ensemble Performances

Theme: Can an Individual Affect Change in an Increasingly Complex World

I was able to attend the VCE Drama & IB Theatre Arts Assessment Performances on Wednesday 18 June to see some wonderful performances from our senior students. I know that many hours of rehearsal and preparation had taken place for their original performances. This process in itself is demanding and rewarding and I am sure our students would have learnt much during this time.

Ensemble 1 was titled *Power into Lifeless Hands* and the students presenting were Madeline Fraser, Stephanie Giuliani, Sarina Mafri, Lauren Tickell, Fiona Uhe and Alan White. This was an interesting piece weaving together many elements of theatre. The stage craft was very strong and the students were prepared to take risks.

Ensemble 2 was titled *Greed for Gain* and the students presenting were Megan Cooper, Adam Dhaliwal, Thomas Hunt, Katie Johnston & Rhiannon Thomas. This was a powerful and confronting piece and they certainly made the audience shift in their seats as they contrasted innocence, exploitation and greed.

Ensemble 3 was titled *World War Waste* and the students presenting were Olivia Ellis, Timothy James, Natasha Kicaj, Fiona Lacey, Emily Lanciana and Jessica Shafto. This piece showed the juxtaposition of humour and drama and certainly took the audience on a journey and the group was very cohesive and strong in their performance.

Congratulations to all our students who participated.

Concerto Showcase Concert

Those of us who were lucky enough to attend this concert last week had a real treat. Our soloists sparkled and were supported by our talented Symphony Orchestra and the Senior String Orchestra. Visitors to Tintern Schools from the Heathmont Uniting Church were so impressed with the talents of our wonderful students that they are keen to come back to see future performances of our talented musicians.

Elise Lerpiniere (Violin) played *Concerto No. 22 in A Minor*

Matthew Strauks (Violin) played *Concerto in E Minor, Op. 64*

Noella Kwon (Voice) sang *Les Oiseaux dans la charmille* (from the *Tales of Hoffman*)

Kathleen Yardley (Violin) played *Concerto No. 1 in G Minor, Op. 26, 3rd movement*



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Friday Night at Southwood – “Bush Dance”

By 6.30pm the gym was transformed with hay bales, tables and chairs which reminded me of the country hall where I used to go dancing with my grandparents. Mr Butler had the BBQ working over time for our hungry dancers.

The band started calling their first song and the dance floor was full with dancers of all ages and abilities. There was lots of fun and laughter as people enjoyed the occasion. I would thoroughly recommend that families put this evening in their diary in 2009!

Uniform Shop

For families who require uniform items, it is important to note that the Uniform Shop will be conducting a mid year stocktake, the last day of trading for this Term will be Wednesday 25 June. The shop will reopen on Monday 14 July at 9.00am to assist families with uniform for the first student day of Term 3 being 15 July 2008.

“Crown Coaches and continuing increasing cost of fuel”

Crown coaches has written to the school to notify us that is has reviewed its charter and school run costings and will increase charges effective as from 1 July 2008 by approximately 10%. They have also indicated that they will assess costings again at the end of 2008.

The decision has been made to absorb the July price increase to assist families but I wish to alert families that there will be a price change for 2009 onwards.

Coffee with the Principal

I always look forward to meeting parents for a coffee and a chat and the dates for the Term 3 coffee mornings are as follows:

Tuesday 29 July, 8.15am	Tintern Secondary School	CM Wood Common Room
Friday 1 August, 8.15am	Southwood Junior and Secondary	Southwood Secondary Reception
Tuesday 5 August, 8.15am	Tintern Junior School	IJ Day Building

Thank you to all our families for your support throughout Term Two with assisting your sons and daughters to make the most of their school experience. The end of Semester One holidays is a wonderful time for families to refresh and relax and I wish all our families and students a happy and safe break

Yours sincerely



Jenny Collins
Principal

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Dates for the Diary

	Tintern	Southwood
Tue Jun 24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lunchtime Concert Colebrook Tintern Hall • Southwood & Tintern Yr 10 (Entire Year Level) GEL Leadership Workshop (Session 2), SW Hall, 11.00-2.30pm • Year 11 2009 Pathways Evening Tintern CM Wood Centre • Year 10 Leadership Half Day • Economics/Legal Studies Study Tour to Canberra leaves • TOGA Meeting, Kennedy Cottage, 7.30pm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Southwood & Tintern Yr 10 (Entire Year Level) GEL Leadership Workshop (Session 2), SW Hall, 11.00-2.30pm • Da Vinci Decathlon –MLC (Horizon) • Economics/Legal Studies Study Tour to Canberra leaves • Yr 11 Chemistry – Nano Technology at Tintern 11am-1.15pm • Southwood Sports Night La Porchetta, Heathmont, 6-9pm • SOBA Meeting, Senior Staffroom, Southwood 7.30pm
Wed Jun 25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 7 Pastoral House, Verbal Combat Activities • Year 9 House Dancing Performance CM Wood Centre • Yr Economics/Legal Studies Study Tour to Canberra • Yr 7 Cross Campus Bullying Workshop, Tintern, 8.50-10.30am • Parents of Paddlers Meeting, Kennedy Cottage, Tintern 7.30pm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senior Sport - Season 2 (Round 6) • Yr 9 Science – Dandenong Creek Ringwood 11.50-1.10pm • Economics/Legal Studies Study Tour to Canberra • OED Yr 9TM Walking, Dandenong Ranges, 1.10-4.30pm • Yr 7 Cross Campus Bullying Workshop, Tintern, 8.50-10.30am • Parents of Paddlers Meeting, Kennedy Cottage, Tintern, 7.30pm
Thu Jun 26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Economics/Legal Studies Study Tour to Canberra 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 8 / 9 - Season 2 Finals • Southwood Junior Cabaret Concert Southwood Hall 7pm -9pm • Yr 8-10 Chinese, Chinese Puppet show – China Town 9.00-3.10pm • Economics/Legal Studies Study Tour to Canberra
Fri Jun 27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Term 2 Concludes • Economics/Legal Studies Study Tour to Canberra returns 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Term 2 Concludes • Economics/Legal Studies Study Tour to Canberra returns • Peer Support Program (All Yr 7 & selected Yr 9 students) Pd 6 • Yr 11/12 Reach Workshops 11.10am-3.00pm
Sat Jun 28		
Sun Jun 29	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parents Assoc – Movie Afternoon, Knox Village Cinemas(Kung Fu & Narnia Prince Caspian) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parents Assoc – Movie Afternoon, Knox Village Cinemas (Kung Fu & Narnia Prince Caspian)
Tue Jul 15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IB Year 12 English Orals Tintern Senior College • Term 3 Students Commence • IB Information Night CM Wood Centre, Tintern 7.30pm-9.30pm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Term 3 Students Commence • IB Information Night, CM Wood Centre, Tintern 7.30-9.30pm
Wed Jul 16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IB Year 12 English Orals TN Senior College 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yr 9 & 10 2009 Subject Showcase, Southwood Hall
Thu Jul 17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Years 9 & 10 2009 Electives Information Evening TN CM Wood Centre 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bendigo Show

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Fri Jul 18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bendigo Show 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bendigo Show
Sat Jul 19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 6 Parent Social Function, Natalie's, Mitcham 	

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