Dear Parents and Friends,

NAPLAN

Next week (Tuesday 12th – Thursday 14th May) all Year 3, 5, 7 and 9 students across Australia will sit NAPLAN Tests in the areas of Literacy and Numeracy. These tests are a good measure of how students are performing in these critical areas of their schooling. We encourage all parents to ensure their student is present for the three days of NAPLAN Testing as we use these results as part of our broader assessment process to monitor student learning growth. If you have any questions please feel free to ring the school.

EDUCATION WEEK

Education Week is be held from May 17th to 23rd. To celebrate Education Week our school has organised a number of activities to engage the entire school community in programs we offer at Kyabram P-12 College. Watch this space for further details!

SCHOOL CROSSING AND DROPPING STUDENTS OFF

It is important that when students are arriving and leaving any of our college campuses they use the crossings provided for their safety. Parents / guardians walking their children to and from school are asked to provide a good example by using the crossings as well. Also, when children are being dropped off, parking near a school crossing outside the designated parking bays is dangerous and illegal.

Our school has created a drop off zone for all students. The drop off zone is located along Fischer Street in front of the Secondary Campus (the old bus bay). This area is for all Prep - 12 students and is a drop off / pick up zone only and is a no parking zone. Students getting dropped off are to walk between the fence and the building.

DEBUTANTE BALL

I would like to congratulate our parents for organising the Deb Balls for the students once again this year. This was a great demonstration of what can be achieved by a small dedicated group of people in our school community. There have been so many positive comments from all involved, including families from other schools and towns. Special thanks to Judy Ross, Jane Kightly and Jan Prior for all of their work. Also, thank you to the other parents, students and staff who assisted to make this a special night for all those involved.

Respect  Responsibility  Resilience  Doing Your Best  Community
All of the girls looked stunning and the boys were handsome, and the dancing was a credit to all those involved in supporting the debutantes and their partners to achieve Excellence through Opportunity.

I saw all of our college values; Respect, Responsibility, Resilience, Doing Your Best and Community, being upheld.

Well done to all involved, you did yourselves and the college proud.

**STAFFING**

I would like to inform the school community that Mrs Kate Whitford (our Grade 3/4 Learning Community Leader) has taken up the position of Acting Principal at Colbinabbin Primary School. I would like to congratulate Mrs Whitford who will be in this position until May 29th.

Mrs Whitford’s replacement is Mr Daryl Wegmann. I am sure Mr Wegmann will continue the successful program Mrs Whitford and Mrs Morden have in place.

If you have any questions can you please direct these to Mr Jenner.

**PROMOTING OUR SCHOOL**

We have found that the best way to promote our school to new families is through you, our parents. If you know of anyone moving into our area, with a child attending your child’s pre-school or who has a Prep or Year 7 child for next year and has not chosen a school for their child, please talk to them about our school. Please invite them to contact our school for a tour and attend the upcoming information sessions that will be promoted very soon. Perhaps you could come with them to help them feel more comfortable. Remember that you, our parents, are the best ambassadors for our school.

Our school has its own Facebook site to use as another form of communication to keep our community informed about what is happening at Kyabram P-12 College and also to acknowledge the achievements of the members of our school community. Please feel free to follow us on facebook.

**P-6 Assistant Principal Report**

David Jenner

**STUDENT SMALL BUSINESS**

I met this week with Luteasha Anderson-Adams, Abby Gugliotti and Orjada Lika, three of our Year 11 students who are planning to run a small business at the primary campus for their Business Management class assessment. I am very excited by their plans here! On June 3rd, Luteasha, Abby and Orjada are planning to run a business selling cookies to students in Grades 3-6. Firstly they will be conducting surveys with students for market research in order to discover preferences. They will then begin advertising the business, to run it successfully. Thank you to our teachers and students for their support here. Market Research took place on Tuesday 5th May grade 3/4 students were surveyed as a class and 5/6 students more independently with individual surveys. The profits of the business will be given to charity.
KIDS WITH COURAGE

Kids with Courage is a seven week program that aims to strengthen primary aged children, together with their family, who might be struggling at school, home or with peer relationships. The program includes themes that build on the child’s strengths. In a supportive, fun atmosphere children will explore feelings, set goals, and find positive ways of making changes.

The program runs on Wednesdays, 13th May to 24th June, 2 - 4pm.

Please visit our Primary Office if wish to collect a pamphlet that includes further information and costing.

HELPFUL HINT - TRAFFIC LIGHT SYSTEM

We often encourage our students to use the traffic light system when faced with challenging situations. This can be helpful to use both at school and at home.

- Red means stop and take a moment to think.
- Yellow means think about your options and positive actions you can take.
- Green means go ahead and make the positive choice.

SMOKING BANS

Smoking is banned around Victorian schools.
The Victorian Government and Victorian Police have announced that anyone caught smoking within four metres of a school faces an on-the-spot fine of $147.

Education Minister James Merlino explains "Kids are impressionable and we don't want them to see behaviour that normalises smoking and having it banned in front of the entrances to schools is an important step".

"The incidence of smoking in schools is going down but we want it to go down even further and an important step in achieving that is ensuring that when kids come into school they don't see people smoking in front of school.”

Father - Child Night

When: Thurs 28th May
Time: 6:00pm-7:30pm
Where: BER / P-2 building
Cost: Free!
For Dads (or another significant male) and children in P-2.
Pizza and chips for tea.

This will be a fun night of games and tea for P-2 children with their Dads (or another significant male). The purpose of the night is to celebrate and encourage the important role that fathers have in the life of our children. A personal invitation will be sent home closer to the date.
This week in Prep we are focusing on the letters Yy and Xx.

Thank you to all of the parents involved in our morning reading program. It's great to see parents reading with a range of prep students and supporting our Early Years' learning community. The program is going really well and we encourage all parents to be a part of the morning reading program that runs from 8.40am-9.00am. If you would like to know more about how to support your child when reading, please see your child’s classroom teacher.

Grade 1

What a great time we have all had at the Fauna Park today. The children have been having fun while learning about Australian Animals so far this term. On Monday afternoons we have been getting together to create habitats of where Australian Animals live and other fun interactive activities.

In Maths we are focusing on mental strategies for solving addition and subtract equations and for writing children have been having fun creating “Who am I?” puzzles.

Grade 2

Grade 2 students visited the Fauna Park today - stay tuned for reports and photographs in next week’s newsletter!

In maths we are continuing to work with numbers, especially skip counting by 2s, 5s and 10s past 100. We are becoming experts at writing information reports and when “reading voraciously” we are able to show stamina to read attentively for more than 15 minutes straight!

3/4 News

This term we are continuing our focus on persuasive text. It can be challenging for children in Grade 3/4 to think of arguments to support their opinion – other than, “Because I want to!” – and to explain their ideas coherently. Thinking up arguments can be a fun activity to try orally at home – why not debate at the dinner table opinions on which is the best footy team (bonus points for picking Collingwood!), the best colour for a car, whether the weekend should include Mondays, whether we agree with a story on the news or the actions of a character in a movie; questions that have no absolute answer. Having discussions like this help children to think laterally, to improve their vocabulary and to see the point of view of others. As children become better at thinking of ideas, then they are able to include these ideas in their writing.

5/6 News

Term two is shaping up to be another busy and engaging term for our students.

Last Friday we had 37 students compete in the Cross Country. All students represented our college exceptionally well, demonstrating our school values and competing to the best of their abilities. Congratulations to Riley Morris and Riley Williams who have made it through to the next stage. A special mention must also go to Tailah Rennie who came 13th, just missing out on progressing.

Please remember that the Ballarat camp note and deposit are due tomorrow. This camp offers students a unique role play experience at Sovereign Hill, while they also get the opportunity to attend the very popular Sound and Light Show.

This week students will continue to work on their Healthy Lifestyles projects. It's great to see many pursuing their area of passion and on a Thursday morning the range of tasks going on include: recipe creating; fitness training; role plays; pamphlet making; and ICT based projects.

Next week our grade 5 students will be completing NAPLAN testing. The tests focus on the areas of reading, writing, language conventions and numeracy.
Funk with Miss Melissa
Sue Meeking

The past two weeks grade 5/6 have had a great time learning funky moves with capable Dance Illusions teacher, Melissa Keenan, during Performing Arts lessons.

The students are building on the moves learnt by undertaking a Dance Challenge in the current fortnight. It is great to see students participating positively in this fitness and rhythmic activity.

Pictured is one of the grades remembering the moves.

7-12 Principal Report
Danny Walsh

STUDENTS LEAVING THE SCHOOL GROUNDS

Students are required to remain at school for the entire day. If there is an occasion where a student needs to leave the school grounds to attend an appointment, they must take a signed note from their parent/guardian to the general office before school to obtain college approval. Alternatively parents/guardian can call our college attendance line on 5853 2607.

Parents/guardians wishing for their child to come home for lunch may apply to their Year Level Coordinator for a “lunch pass.” Students with a lunch pass have permission to go directly home for lunch and return directly to school within the college lunch break period. It is only students holding a lunch pass that have permission to be out of the school grounds during lunch breaks. Please note that a lunch pass does not permit a student to go down the street at lunchtime; the exception is Year 12 students, who have all been issued with lunch passes allowing privilege of going down the street. Students must carry their lunch pass with them whilst out of the school grounds. It should be clearly understood that parents/guardians of students holding lunch passes accept complete responsibility for the conduct and safety of these students whilst they are out of the grounds.

Bus travellers must remain on their bus for the entire duration of travel between their bus stops and school. Bus travellers should remain at school once they have arrived.

It is important that this process is followed and supported by all college community members. Please contact the college if you have any questions about these expectations.

POSITIVE ENGAGEMENT AND WELLBEING

Last Friday, all Year 10-12 students were involved in a workshop run by Mick Walsh to assist students in positive engagement and wellbeing. The session also focused on building positive emotions and strategies to do this. The session was finished off with a BBQ lunch for all 10-12 students and staff.

LEARNING CURVE NEWSLETTER ARTICLE

Research Process

Learning Goals - at the end of this week your child should have:

- A willingness to practise the research process steps and to search for patterns, bias, inference and messages in the information.
- A seeding of ‘big picture’ thinking so that they can be knowledge creators and evaluate their findings critically.
- A proactive attitude to use the weekly Habits of Mind and Thinking Tools to strive, thrive and flourish in their living, learning and thinking.

Value for Life – Organisation

Identify three positive behaviours which show Organisation at home, then at school and then in the community.

Wellbeing Focus

The main thing our children will be doing in their lives in the 21st century is learning; the world is evolving so rapidly it is essential that we have young adults leaving our schools with the habits and capabilities necessary to learn what they have to learn. These habits include being able to look at an issue or problem and:
Knowing what to do when they don’t know what to do.
Relate and understand how it connects to their world.
Identify and find the information they need to address it.
Develop a timeline to solve it.
Analyse their findings and look for bias, patterns, inference and implications.
Present what they learned with clarity and precision.
Evaluate their thoughts and make sense of them in relation to their world.
Make forecasts and predictions from their findings.

We need to cultivate these in their every day thoughts and behaviours so that they become embedded habits. This week’s focus is on building students’ learning and thinking power in this area by introducing them to reliable and resourceful research processes. They provide scaffolds, which enable students to be curious experimenters while at the same time moving forward logically in addressing the issue or problem and making balanced predictions.

Another purpose is to encourage a discerning disposition to judge the suitability and authenticity of material from the net, books, software and resources they source for their research needs. Then once they have researched a topic, the process of correlating, presenting the information collected and then reaching meaningful conclusions are essential components to lifelong problem solving.

“I am easily satisfied with the very best.” Sir Winston Churchill

YARD MAINTENANCE WORK
If you are available to assist with clean up/maintenance at the College could you please contact me by email (walsh.daniel.m@edumail.vic.edu.au) or by phoning the College. We have a number of areas that require attention such as painting, pruning, edging and brushcutting.

Australian Maths Competition Years 7 - 12
The Australian Maths Competition is a national competition for all students who enjoy a challenge in mathematics and logic. It takes the form of a one hour written test which will be held on Thursday 30th July. The competition is sponsored by the Commonwealth Bank and prizes are available. In addition, every entrant will receive a certificate.

Entries for secondary students in the competition need to be finalised by Friday 22nd May. Secondary students who are interested in competing are asked to let their teachers know and pay $3 at the office. This comprises half the entrance fee and Kyabram P-12 College will subsidise the rest.

Any questions for Year 7-12 students can be directed to your student’s Maths teacher or Mrs Lisa Stevens at the Secondary Campus.

COLLEGE NEWS

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ABSENCE LINE
5853 2607
PLEASE LEAVE A MESSAGE TO ADVISE IF YOUR CHILD IS, OR WILL BE, ABSENT
Open 24 hours 7 days
We are required to have verification of all student absences.
For your convenience we have an absence hotline where you can leave a recorded message. You may choose to write a note or leave a message in your child’s planner or record it on Compass.
Thank you for your cooperation with this.

Maths Tutoring Available
Up to and including Year 9
Some highly capable Year 12 students are available for maths tutoring for students up to Year 9. The rate is $20 per hour.
For more information and to make contact, please see Lainie Lockwood at the Secondary Campus.

Library Books:
Cheryl Child and Vivienne Sefton
As it is now close to mid-term we are following up on students who have overdue library books pre April. All class teachers have been given a list of their students who have overdue books. We ask that parents please check with your child/children if they have any library books which have not yet been returned. We endeavour to check the library shelves for these books also. Payment for any lost or damaged books is requested to assist with the replacement of these books. Please contact the college library if you have any queries.

MOTHER’S DAY STALL
For primary students
FRIDAY 8TH MAY
From 9am - 11am
Gifts are priced from $1.00 to $6.00
Parent help is required on the day so if you are available please meet at the office from 8:45am.

Second Hand Uniform
Parents’ Club have set up a second hand uniform shop catering for all students in the school from Prep to Year 12. Uniforms will be available at a much lower price than they can be bought for new.

If your child has outgrown any of their uniform or is leaving the school, you may choose to donate the uniform to the Parents’ Club outright or you may offer pieces on consignment, with a proportion of the sale price being returned to you.

Money raised by the Parents’ Club is used in the school to improve facilities and support programs - we hope the uniform shop will be a source of funds for them to continue their invaluable work in our school.

Uniforms for the shop may be left at any College office - please label clearly whether they are a donation or on consignment and if the latter, the amount you require for them.

For anyone interested in coming to have a look at what is available, the uniform shop will be open each Friday from 8:45 to 9:15am in the Primary Campus Office.
Students in Year 9 Humanities are seeking community assistance with a commemorative research project. This year, our Year 9 students are investigating the role of ex-Kyabram students in World War One.

If any members of the community have any information about a past student who served in World War One, we encourage you to contact Mrs Katharine Corrin (corrin.katharine.a@edumail.vic.gov.au) to assist with our project. Any information you can provide will be gratefully received.

The following names appear on the Honour Board in the Primary Campus;

| Andrews, R. | Grahame, J. | Mitchell, R. | These Students made the supreme sacrifice Cox, G.R. Cox, H.F. Day, R. Edis, O. |
| Allan, R. | Guinan, J. | McLeod, A. |
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| Faragher, R. | Lawrie, W. | Whitbourne, W.A. |
| Fitzpatrick, W. | Lawler, K. |
| Faragher, R. | Mulcahy, J. |
| Faragher, H. | Mitchell, B. |
The Central Australia Trip is a great experience where students from year levels 10 and 11 get to explore places all around the lower sections of the Northern Territory. Forty one College students took the opportunity to go on this 12-day trip and even though we missed the first week of the holidays, it was well worth it. This was a once in a lifetime opportunity that all the students and teachers would recommend to the year levels to come.

This journey had been in planning for a number of months with all students and teachers having to prepare for their 12 days away. The first three days were long days on the bus, but everyone kept positive and had some quality bonding time. We tried to make the bus interesting by incorporating a daily question and the revealing of the glorious black cowboy hat, also known as “Tool of the Day.” Tool of the Day could be given out for a number of reasons, example being when Tom Schumman lost his room key in the first 10 metres of the walk around Uluru. During these first few days we stopped at both Clare and Coober Pedy overnight. Coober Pedy, the place of opals, was an eye opener for each and every student as we all got to imagine living underground as an opal miner and see some interesting sights such as the underground church.

As we went further north we crossed the Northern Territory border and took the obligatory photo to commemorate it, as for a lot of students and some staff members it was their first time entering the Territory.

Everyone was getting excited about visiting the biggest single-standing rock in the world and we got to see it that night as we had dinner whilst watching the sunset over Uluru amongst the throngs of tourists. It was unfortunate that Uluru was closed the next day due to strong winds which resulted in us walking around the base instead climbing it. The wonder of the rock was accentuated when we went to see the Olgas later that afternoon which impressed everyone.

After another drive all students and teachers participated in the walk around Kings Canyon, getting to the top was a struggle (especially if you had a broken toe!) but the view up the top was something nobody would forget and became a highlight for many of the trip.

We stayed in Alice Springs for about three days and visited some of the most amazing sights, including Simpson’s Gap and Stanley Chasm, in conjunction with seeing the local wild life in an animal park and dressing up in Australiana gear for a great ‘Minute to Win It’ night. Whilst in Alice Springs we also went to the Royal Flying Doctor Service and the School of Air where we learnt the advantages and disadvantages of living in a rural community whilst a lucky few also got to see the wonders of the local hospital.

Our stay in Alice Springs ended on an unfortunate note with some members of the trip being robbed but the students showed true resilience and were able to support each other in a fashion that really epitomises the school values.

With only four days to go, where better to spend them then in Adelaide? It was the perfect place for relaxation time where we all got to go shopping and went swimming at the beach. On the very last night we all got dressed up with the theme being King and Queen of the Desert. Congratulations to Cameron Espagne and Lauren Kightly on being the best cross-dressed on the trip.

We would like to thank our bus drivers/ tour guides Carmel and Baggs, and all the teachers Mr Williams, Miss Zuppardo and Karly Noonan for making the trip what it was, especially considering the late notice you had for the trip. We’d also like to give a big thankyou to Mr Coombs for making this trip possible.
DEBUTANTE BALL 2015

Excellence Through Opportunity
beyondblue’s big bus will visit Kyabram as part of its National Roadshow promoting the importance of good mental health. This will provide a great opportunity for people in the region to find out more about depression and anxiety and available support.

The big blue bus and National Roadshow team will attend the Goulburn Valley Football League clash between the Kyabram Bombers and Benalla Saints on Saturday, 9th May between 1pm-4:30pm at the Kyabram Recreation Reserve. Players and spectators are encouraged to visit the bus and grab a free beyondblue wristband and other information materials about mental health and staying well, and to make a mental health pledge.
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