Dear Parents and Friends,

Welcome back to school and to the final term of this year. As we complete the first week of term, it becomes very obvious that senior students and their teachers are focusing on the important weeks leading up to examinations and final assessment tasks. Over the holiday period a number of VCE revision classes were conducted by teachers to support our students and I would like to thank those staff who gave up their holiday time so selflessly. Our VCE students only have a few weeks before examinations so study time becomes crucial over the next month and a half. Throughout the next few weeks students studying Units 3 and 4 will complete a series of practice exams, thus giving them a good insight as to what will be expected during the examination period.

Year 12s finish formal classes on Wednesday, 21st October and, as I mentioned to Year 12 students last term, the College community expects that the last-day celebrations will be conducted sensibly and in good taste, as has been the case in recent years. On Thursday, 22nd October, Year 12 students will be invited to a breakfast with staff and College councillors. At the completion of the breakfast students will be accompanied to school to attend an assembly to wish them good luck with their examinations. After this date, students have a week to prepare for the start of the examination period (English is set for Thursday, 29th November).

With this in mind, I believe that it would be inappropriate and dangerous for students to be involved in celebrations that will interfere with their preparation for examinations. As the College prepares our senior students for the final examination program, one aspect of this period concerns me because it is beyond our control - student parties. At this time every year, we talk to our senior students about preparing themselves for their examinations and ensuring that they give themselves every opportunity to succeed. We have spoken to them about our expectations in relation to their final days at College. The College does not believe that celebrations should take place before the completion of examinations and, therefore, does not sanction any functions other than the College’s Graduation Dinner. The Graduation Dinner, on Friday 20th November, is a function where students attend with their families and are, therefore, under the supervision of their parents.

This week I had the privilege of interviewing the candidates for the College Captain positions for 2016. The candidates had a series of questions that they had to respond to during their interview with the Principal Class and Year Level Co-ordinators. All responded in a confident manner and had clearly thought about how they would conduct themselves if elected to the position of College Captain. All candidates were very impressive, as part of the process, the candidates will deliver their campaign speeches to the Year 11 students, followed by a ballot later that day.
Kyabram P-12 College will hold a number of Parent Forums this term to gather information from parents about a range of topics, including their students’ learning at Kyabram P-12 College. Some forums will be conducted straight after school for junior levels and some in the evenings for senior year levels. The forums will be advertised so that parents have advance warning and will only take 30 to 45 minutes. The forums will not be like a parent-teacher interview but will be conducted by me in a question/answer situation. The College is seeking feedback on issues such as communication with parents, student learning, uniform, attendance, reporting procedures and student programs. Our first two forums will be held next week on Wednesday, 14th October for parents of Year 7 and 8 students, in the College library at 7pm. Our first primary school forum will be held on Thursday, 15th October, for parents of Grade Prep-2 students, in the Prep-2 Community Building at 3:30pm. We will have childcare arrangements in place for those parents who would like to attend but have children to supervise.

Over the holiday period two of our three shade structures were put in place on the primary playgrounds. They are clearly a great asset to our school and will provide a safe environment for the children who access the play equipment. Work continues on the third structure and it should be completed next week. Thanks to the Environment Committee and staff at the College for all of their work getting this project underway and in place. The project has involved far more than just the moving of structures from Dawes Road to the College as numerous documents had to be processed before the work could commence. Having our early dose of summer this week, the structures have been put in place just in time.

The mini heatwave has also reinforced the need for our students to bring their hats to school. I would ask that you refer to my article in Channels at the end of term regarding the need for students to wear hats and for all of us to cover up:

As summer gets closer we need to remind students about the perils of skin cancer and the need to wear hats while in the yard. In Term 1 the majority of students came prepared with a hat but there are still some students who don’t appreciate the risk they run by not having a broad-brimmed hat. Australia has one of the highest rates of skin cancer in the world and each year over 1,500 Australians die from skin cancer. Over 440,000 Australians are treated for skin cancer each year and 90% of Victorians with invasive melanoma are expected to survive their cancer for at least five years. In 2010, 11,405 new cases of melanoma were diagnosed in Australia, accounting for nearly one in ten cancer diagnoses. These are appalling figures considering the publicity given to skin cancer through the various campaigns we see in the media and the work carried out in the Australian community by a range of agencies, including the education system. Again, I ask for parental support in encouraging our young people to ‘cover up’ and to wear their broad-brimmed hats when they are outside in Term 4, whether at school, on camps or on excursions. We have a school uniform hat which can be purchased at our local uniform supply shops.

We also have a summer sports program starting this week and athletics continues from last term with Zone and State finals this month. The Grade 3-6 students will represent our College on Monday and we wish them all the best for that day. Intermediate Cricket commences this week and there are various other competitions throughout the term. Our new sport shirt is very striking and popular with students and all of our teams are looking great as they represent our College.

As in all schools, the last term of the year is very busy as we develop timetables for next year, complete counselling for student subject selections and organise staffing in preparation for the next year. The transition of students from one year level to the next is carried out with care and concern, keeping students’ best interests at the forefront. While this work is underway we are preparing senior students for examinations and continuing with our daily teaching and learning programs across the College. Primary transitions will commence in just a few weeks’ time and our ‘Flying Start’ program will start in Week 8, with all 7-11 classes moving into their next year level so that students may commence their programs for 2016.

Before this happens, we have some great events taking place across the College with the Chaplains’ Breakfast for our Year 12 students on the 16th October, the Pink Ribbon Breakfast on the 21st October to raise funds for breast cancer research, the Grade 3/4 Fit and Healthy Day on the 14th October and our annual ‘Happy Chappy Day’ on 23rd October, where all students come dressed in yellow and funds raised go to our Chaplaincy program. There is a Grade 5/6 Camp, a Year 10 Work Experience week and a number of other events that are listed on Compass and will be featured in Channels.

I look forward to the successful completion of this year and wish everyone a busy and productive final term.

Chris Eeles
Acting College Principal

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P-4 Awards

Congratulations to this week’s award winners.

Business Manager’s Report
Jan Prior
BOOKSTALL YEARS 7-12

On Thursday, November 19th the College will be holding their annual Years 7-12 Bookstall. This will again be held at the Bocce Club from 12 noon to 6:30 pm.

Information is going out to parents this week regarding booklists with an information pack. Please return the booklists by Tuesday October 13th to ensure your child’s booklist order can be checked and sent to Campion in time for processing to be ready for Bookstall. Please return your child’s booklist even if you do not require any textbooks or stationery from Campion, so that we can ensure accurate records for your child.

Year 7 Information and booklists will be given out to students next week.

If you have any queries or need assistance with the booklists, please do not hesitate to contact our Office Team

WELCOME TO KYABRAM

The Kyabram Development Committee would like to invite new members of our Community to a Welcome Evening on Thursday October 22nd at the Kyabram Club.

Start time is 6:00 pm and the finishing time is 7:00 pm. There will be light refreshments provided.

If you are new to Kyabram and District or if you know of anyone who would like to come along, this is a great chance to find out what may be available in our town of Kyabram.

On this night, the Kyabram Town website will also be launched. If you have any queries around this event, please do not hesitate to give me a call.

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WELCOME BACK TO TERM 4

What a busy and productive Term 3 we had! I trust everyone had an enjoyable holiday break, which gave an opportunity for all to re-charge the batteries ready for a big Term 4.

P-2 PARENT FORUM - THURSDAY 15TH OCTOBER 3:30 PM - 4:15 PM

Our College is seeking feedback on issues such as communication with parents, student learning, uniform, attendance, reporting procedures and student programs. Our first primary school forum will be held on Thursday, 15th October, for parents of Grade Prep-2 students, in the Prep-2 Community Building at 3:30pm. We will have supervision of students organised for those parents who would like to attend. Hope you can make it.

PREP-2 ‘GOOD VALUE CONCERT’

Congratulations to all in regards to our Prep – 2 Concerts. Thank you to all of our parent helpers who guided, organised and supported our students with their preparation. Well done to our students as they are all the real heroes of the concert. It takes a lot of courage to present on stage in front of your peers, families and friends! Thank you to our Primary singers for their wonderful contribution and performance. A big thank you to Belinda Goff for all of her preparation of props, and to Sue Meeking for all of her work in regards to her role as Concert Coordinator. Thank you also to our wonderful staff for the way in which they also supported the concert program – well done everyone!

PARENTS’ CLUB HOT DOG DAY

Thank you to our Parents’ Club for organising Hot Dog Day for the last day of last Term. As you can see below, everyone enjoyed a hot dog!

HATS – TERM 4

Just a reminder that it is compulsory for all students to wear a school approved hat when outside during Term 4. If you need to buy a new hat please buy the blue uniform hat with the college logo, in line with our uniform policy.

CLASSES 2015

Prep to Grade 6 staff are beginning the conversations and work around class groupings for 2016. If your child will not be attending Kyabram P-12 next year or you know of somebody who is yet to enrol, could you please contact your child’s teacher or Judy at the office. If you have any specific request regarding the placement of your child for 2016 please collect a form from the office and return by Friday 16th October.

SHADE STRUCTURES

We have had excellent feedback from parents and students in regards to our shade structures which were erected during the holiday period. At this stage we are aiming for the Prep-2 structure to be completed this coming weekend. Over the course of the next few weeks a variety of tasks will be completed. Currently the areas are safe for our students to play in, however we are still working to improve these areas. For example removal of stumps, re-concreting, general tidy up and extra soft fall. Our new shade structures will be able to offer our students plenty of shade during the warmer months as well as protection during the colder months. Our whole school community is very pleased with the arrival of our new shade structures.
Prep News

Welcome back to term 4!
We would like to say a big thank you to those children and their parents who continued to practise their daily reading over the holidays. Well done!
With the weather heating up please remember to bring your hat to school as well as a drink bottle full of water.
We are looking forward to a great last term in prep!

Year 1 News

Welcome back to school, we hope you all had a wonderful break. What a fantastic term we have ahead of us with Tabloid Sports, Swimming and our new theme ‘What makes things work’. Please ensure your child is bringing a drink bottle filled with water, fruit for fruit snack and a wide brimmed hat every day.
Thanks from the Grade 1 Team

Year 2 News

Welcome back to all students and families for our final term of 2015. We have 11 weeks in which to consolidate our learning, buff up our skills and prepare ourselves to take our places in grade 3 – luckily, we are up to the challenge!
Our students began the term by writing about their holidays – what a vast range of experiences they shared! We were pleased to see all class members return from the break, which was well-earned after the children’s amazing efforts in the concert at the end of term 3.
In Maths, our current focus is on understanding multiplication. First we will be examining arrays, looking at repeated addition and seeing how multiplying is an efficient way of writing number sentences about multiple groups.
We have two new students in grade 2 – welcome to Tayem and Sacha, and their families.

Year 3/4 News

Students and teachers have swung straight into Term 4 with a range of topics and activities being introduced. This term in Mathematics the Grade 3/4 students will be working on a range of topics including place value, time, money, fractions, decimals, multiplication and division. Many of these topics have already been introduced earlier in the year but are now being revised and extended. Continuing to learn addition and subtraction facts, and times tables, will also continue to be addressed; many children make great progress by practising these facts at home and we certainly encourage this. Being the final term of the year there will also be extensive assessment done to ensure students have met required standards, or to assist teachers to give extra help to enable students to strengthen any weak areas.
In Reading, the particular strategies we are focussing on at the moment are identifying the author’s purpose and interpreting figurative language. Deciding why someone wrote a text can help us to understand what we are reading. Some authors write to make people laugh, to teach something, or to share how they feel about something. Authors may be trying to persuade someone to think or do something, or they just might want to describe a place or event.
Our inquiry unit for term four is Healthy Lifestyles. Understandings we want children to take from this unit are: that personal habits affect our health and well-being; food intake and exercise help the body function and grow; routine healthcare helps maintain a healthy body; and the importance of a healthy lifestyle. Next week we have a “Fit and Healthy Day” where students will be immersed in a range of activities and lessons relating to health; we hope your children will soon be asking you to pack plenty of healthy food in their lunchboxes!

Primary Singers
Sue Meeking

On Thursday 22nd October the Primary Singers are supporting our community by singing at the Mini Fields of Pink. People will gather in the Kyabram Hospital grounds at noon on this day. There will be some time of recognition and all are invited to ‘plant a pink lady’ and stay for refreshments.
Everyone is welcome to attend this event, especially those who wish to encourage our local cancer survivors and those assisting them on their difficult journey.
CONGRATULATIONS to the children willing to sing on this special day.
Over the holidays, a number of VCE revision classes were conducted. It was great to see the majority of students make an effort to attend these classes to give themselves every opportunity to do their best. Thank you to the VCE staff who made themselves available to help our students during their holidays.

LEARNING CURVE NEWSLETTER ARTICLE
Each week I will be including a parent newsletter article from the Learning Curve which is in line with the Secondary student planner. I hope you find these articles valuable.

Leading up to exams/staying focused
Adolescence is a period of time in which students’ capacities to stay focused on the job at hand and ignore distractions are often tested. For younger students this week focuses on assisting them to build resilient habits to ignore distractions both at school and at home. For Senior students the focus is on assisting them to prioritise what they do to prepare for their assessment and exam periods. Different education systems have their assessment and exam periods at differing times and this and upcoming wellbeing builders in the senior program are best taught prior to these periods.

Distractions can arise from many things in the classroom and in student’s lives:

- Not being in the ‘learning zone’ and having other things competing for their attention.
- Natural curiosity often displays itself in class and activities as being easily distracted by what’s happening around them in the group; unfortunately this is more times than not treated as a discipline issue.
- A lack of prioritising and not placing preparation for assessment and exams high on their list.
- Their image and how they believe they should act in class to win peer acceptance.
- Having fixed mindsets and lacking grit to push themselves to accept and overcome challenges.

Students need to be explicitly taught how to reflect on when and why they are distracted so that they connect to the moment to be mindful of their main distractors. This will enable them to focus on the right things using their signature strengths. A proactive approach is to engage their curiosity by providing them with opportunities to relate what the class is learning to their interests and their worlds. This may mean that there are quite a number of different directions being pursued in class, but this is where rich learning occurs and distractions are minimised.

YEAR 12 BREAKFAST AND FINAL ASSEMBLY
The Year 12 breakfast will be held on Thursday 22nd October from 7:30am at Hurley’s in Allan Street, Kyabram. Following the breakfast, the final Year 12 assembly will be held in the College Hall beginning at 11:20am. Parents are welcome to attend the final assembly.

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. As always we have a number of areas that require attention such as painting, pruning, edging and brushcutting.

YEAR 6 INTO 7 TRANSITION
All year 6 students who are will be attending our Secondary Campus in 2016 will be starting their transition classes over the next two weeks. Each grade six student will spend two periods with us to learn about the different routines and classes they will begin in 2016. This will occur on

- October 13 Mr Ross and Mrs Pearson
- October 15 Mr Mangan and Mrs Porch
- October 20 Miss Bradley and Mr Davison

Year 6 students will also be spending three days of Year 7 classes on December 8th, 9th and 10th. If you have any questions regarding Transition, please speak with Vivienne Thomas or Tom Mangan.
Colleges News

Canteen

Primary Campus

October

| Mon 12 | Jo Doolan |
| Tue 13 | Sharon Pell |
| Wed 14 | Terrie-Anne Coburn |
| Thur 15 | Claire Perrella |
| Fri 16 | Melanie Roberts |

Secondary Campus

October

| Mon 12 | Kylie Dixon       | Help Please |
| Tue 13 | Help Please      | Help Please |
| Wed 14 | Help Please      | Kerrie Graves |
| Thur 15 | Help Please       | Jenni Serra |
| Fri 16 | Rebecca Baker    | Help Please |

VCE Drama

This Thursday night (8th October), the VCE Drama students will be showcasing their talents at the annual solo performance evening. The event shall be held in the Year 9 Community Building, commencing at 6pm. It would be great to see some support for the hard work these students have been putting in over the recent months.

School Nurse Corner

Leanne James

From September, 5 Things to Remember

Slip! Slop! Slap! Seek! Slide!

From September, Victoria's UV levels are on the rise, so it's time to dust off the sun protection gear and Slip, Slop, Slap, Seek, Slide whenever you are outside. Check the SunSmart UV Alert at sunsmart.com.au or in the weather section of the newspaper to find out the daily UV levels in your area and the local sun protection times.

Remember these 5 SunSmart steps

1. Slip on clothing that covers as much skin as possible (no singlet tops)
2. Slop on SPF30+ broad spectrum sunscreen (remember to reapply it before going outside)
3. Slap on a wide brimmed hat that shades the head, face, neck and ears
4. Seek shade
5. Slide on some wrap around sunglasses (labelled AS 1067) – if practical

Take extra care during the middle of the day when the sun's UV levels are most intense.

A note about vitamin D

Higher UV levels from September to April mean most Victorians should be able to get the vitamin D they need with a few minutes of sun exposure on the face, arms and hands before 10am or after 3pm each day. Due to their high level of melanin, children with naturally very dark skin (skin that rarely or never burns) need 3–6 times this exposure level. These children do not normally need to apply sunscreen. This is a decision for their family to make. However SunSmart recommends ALL children wear a hat to protect their eyes and face. If you have any concerns about vitamin D levels talk to your doctor.

For further SunSmart:
Ph: 9635 5148
Email: sunsmart@cancervic.org.au
Web: sunsmart.com.au

Third Dose HPV for Year 7 Students

Please put this date in your diaries!

The Campaspe Shire Immunisation Team will be at Kyabram P-12 College on October 29th for the third dose of the HPV vaccine.
Kyabram P-12 College
Pink Ribbon Breakfast

Wednesday 21st October
Starting 8:00am
At the Primary Campus

Menu: toast, egg & bacon rolls, pancakes, tea and coffee (coffee machine available)
Cost: $5 per person or $20 per family

ALL WELCOME

All money raised goes to Breast Cancer Research
For catering purposes please return below slip or email ross.judith.a@edumail.vic.gov.au

REPLY SLIP
Please return by Friday 16th October
$5 per person OR $20 per family

Name: _______________________________________

Number of People Attending: _____________

Payment: $ ____________

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COMMUNITY MATTERS

Kyabram P-12 College Chaplaincy Progressive Dinner

Friday, 16th October, 2015
Commencing at 6-30pm

Uniting Church - Entree
Anglican Church – Main
Baptist Church – Dessert

Adults: $15-00
Family: $45-00

Bookings appreciated to Fab Flowers Florist & Garden – 0400 565052. Tickets available at door.

Campaspe Regional LIBRARY

Join Kaye Dobbye
Multi Talented & Award Winning
Australian Rural Romance Author
talks about her latest book
followed by a light luncheon

Wednesday 14th October at 11.30am

At the Kyabram Library

Kyabram Library
19 Lake Rd, Kyabram

Books available for sale on the day courtesy
Collins Booksellers Echuca
Kaye will sign books purchased on the day

www.facebook.com/Campaspe.library

Type 1 Diabetes INFORMATION EVENING

Special Guest Speaker
Esther Briganti
Endocrinologist
plus other guest speakers & product representatives

7pm, 22 October 2015
Echuca Moama RSL and Citizens Club, Merool Road Moama

EMOTIONAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING FOR WOMEN

Do you feel stressed and would like to manage it better?
Do you need information on being assertive and what healthy relationships look like?
Would you like to be more resilient?

This is an opportunity for women to focus on connection, share, support and learn from one another. Women do not have to feel that they are alone in empowering decisions, emotions and new skills and gain support. This is also an opportunity to gain some information, learn skills and have some fun with other women.

Group programme for women on
Stress management, Self-care, Assertiveness and relationships, Resilience.

DETAILS:
When: 10.30am — 12.30 pm
Wednesday for 4 weeks, beginning 14th October 2015.
Where: Kyabram Community & Learning Centre
Total Cost: $20 (negotiable)
Facilitators: Marian Shah, Heather Boyd
Contact: 5489 7419 / 5440 6506
Bookings close on 13th October 2015.

Bendigo Health
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**OES Murray River Canoe Trip**

**Year 5/6 Sovereign Hill Camp**

**Year 10 Melbourne Work Experience**

- Monday 2nd November - Pupil Free Day
- Tuesday 3rd November - Cup Day Holiday

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