Dear Parents and Friends,

REMINDER: MONDAY IS A PUBLIC HOLIDAY

AFL SportsReady Traineeship Graduation Ceremony

On Saturday night, Janet (my wife) and I attended the 2014 AFL “Sports Ready” Trainee Graduation Ceremony held at the MCG. It was a great to see all the trainees that graduated across the state collect their graduation certificates. We had three trainees in 2014 and Holly Sperling, our Administration Trainee, attended the dinner with Janet and me; the food was great!

Each region announced their host organisation of the year and this year Kyabram P-12 College was announced as the, Murray and Goulburn Valley Region winner. This was a great surprise and an acknowledgement of the success we have with our trainees.

The photo is Holly (our Administration Trainee for 2014) and Mick Caruso (the AFL Sports Ready Coordinator for our region) with the certificate that I accepted on our school’s behalf.

This year we have four Trainees; David O’Brien (Information Technology), Cointha Walkeden (Performing Arts), Marnie Blake (Sport) and Karli Noonan (Administration). They have all fitted in well and are we are pleased to be able to continue to offer the students from our school a worthwhile gap year, where we reap the benefits of them working with our community, before they head off to university in 2016.

Team Approach At Kyabram P-12 College

We must all remember that the home and school partnership is very important. If we work together we are able to achieve the best possible outcomes for the students at Kyabram P-12 College. Sometimes the school does make mistakes, and I guess this shows we are only human. If we do make a mistake then it is not on purpose and your constructive feedback is greatly appreciated. Let’s continue to make the home and school relationship strong as we are only here for one reason - to provide the best possible education setting for the students that attend Kyabram P-12 College.

Parent/student/teacher discussions are coming up towards the end of this term and early next term across the school. It is important that all parents/guardians attend these and have an open and honest conversation to ensure we work together for the students’ benefit.

Respect   Responsibility   Resilience   Doing Your Best   Community
Enrolments and Programs
This year we have an enrolment of 1030 students from Prep to Year 12s, an increase from the number of students we had in 2014. This has allowed us to provide extra programs for students at risk including literacy and numeracy support and wellbeing support for students across the whole school. We currently have a position advertised looking to support students in the secondary campus and we will be increasing some staff time in the primary to provide this extra support as well. We are also continuing to provide enrichment programs for students who would like to extend themselves including public speaking, debating, F1 in Schools Program, productions and concerts, student leadership programs, instrumental music program and so on. Students at Kyabram P-12 College get many varied opportunities to achieve excellence, a real strength of our school. Thank you to the staff that provide all these opportunities.

P-4 Awards

AWARDS
Resilience: Bronte G
Community: Kyle G, Mia M, Breanna H, Raya C
Respect: Jordan L, Faye C, Abbey D
Responsibility: Karisma H, Ace W, Olivia L, Riley C, Logan G

P-6 Assistant Principal Report
David Jenner
Yr Prep – 2 Assembly
Thank you to all of our community members who are able to visit our Prep – 4 Monday morning assemblies. So far this year we have had excellent turn outs, which in turn demonstrates the interest of our parents and carers towards their children’s learning and general well-being. All community members are welcome at our assemblies!

5/6 Gardening Pride
Thank you to our Yr 5 and 6 students who have recently been working on adding mulch to our garden areas within the primary campus. Our students worked hard shovelling, wheelbarrowing and raking the mulch, and their teamwork was excellent!
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.

Bookclub
Catalogues for Issue 2 have been sent home and orders are to be back by Friday 13th March. Please return orders ASAP to ensure delivery of your order by the end of the term.

P-2 News
This week’s Prep Learning Focus
- Letters/Phonics: Hh and Rr
- Numeracy: Number recognition, rote counting, matching numbers and counting collections.

High Frequency Words
This week your prep child will bring home their new word book. This book contains the first list of words from the Oxford Word List. It greatly supports your child’s reading development if they can recognise these words without pausing to decode. We will also work on learning these words at school so it is a good idea to keep the book in your child’s reader folder. You are most welcome to decorate the outside cover of this book. We thank you for your support and hope you have fun working together with your child on this.

As always, please don’t hesitate to see us if you have any questions.

Grade 2 Learning Focus - Strategies
In maths we have been learning about ways to work quickly with numbers by using strategies such as “Rainbow numbers” and doubles.

We have also been practising strategies from the Literacy Café to help us be better readers. Focussing on comprehension, we have been learning to “back up and re-read” and “cross check - does it look right, sound right, make sense?”

3/4 News
The spelling program is under way and students should be doing their spelling homework each night. Is your child remembering to do it and hand it in on time? If you have any questions about the program please ask your child’s classroom teacher.

We were privileged to have a visiting group do a ‘Pirates’ performance on Wednesday morning this week. We hope your child has told you how it went and what it was about.

This semester, grade 3/4 students have specialist classes each week for Performing Arts (with Mrs Meeking), Art (with Miss Goff) and P.E (with Miss Green).

Our new Inquiry unit has begun. The understanding that we want the students to develop is ‘Aboriginals were in Australia long before European Explorers’. The focus questions include:

- Who lived here first and how do we know?
- What was life like for Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people before the arrival of the Europeans?
- What was the nature and consequence of contact between Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people and early traders, explorers and settlers?
- Why did the Europeans settle in Australia?

Students are settling in well. We recognise that your home support plays a big part in how our students progress in their learning. If you would like guidance, please let us know how we can help you do this better.
If students are growling with an “Arrgghh” in their voices it is because we had visiting performers yesterday. Thanks to Sue Meeking for organising this, showing the students in a fantastic one-hour musical, how pirates perform.

We are into the second half of the term already and students are working hard, finishing up their “On-Demand” testing and moving into their topic work. Writing has commenced with a narrative text, using the theme “A Memorable Journey” as a stimulus, so you might ask your students to let you know which “journey” they are developing as a story.

Yesterday we had our long-awaited 5/6 assembly where leadership positions were announced and students were congratulated on their appointments. The standard of student applications was quite high this year and we would like to say well done to everyone who applied, as we found it challenging and enjoyable to choose which student would do which job, based on the merit of their applications. There are still vacancies in the leadership position for Visual Arts so all 5/6 students may apply using the form available from Mr Mangan. Congratulations to Jack Norris and Charlee Hawken who have been appointed as our Grade 6 School Captains for 2015. Thank you to the parents who visited our assembly yesterday – we all enjoyed having you there!

The “Healthy Living” Immersion lessons began in our own classrooms last week, so all classes moved to the next classroom this week to investigate a new topic (Health Services, Growing Up, Nutrition, Total Health, Personal Fitness Data and Risk Taking). Once the immersion sessions are over this term, students will be asked to choose one of the topics for further investigation in Term 2.

On Friday all students rotate through three sessions in their studio groups – ICT, Sport and Poetry. Students have been invited to enter an acrostic poem into an ANZAC Day competition, and we are also looking at sending some students into the Lions’ poetry competition, reciting Australian bush poetry, which is held in Term 2.

Just a reminder that students have been provided with their stationery supplies and if these are broken or go missing, they need to be replaced from home. Students should also still have a bucket or broad-brimmed hat each day and a water bottle in order to keep hydrated. Sport shoes should be brought to school on Friday.

We hope that you are going online to book interviews with your child’s teacher through Compass. If you have any difficulties please contact the school or send in a note, and we will assist you.

Four weeks until Easter - enjoy the long weekend!

Sing Like A Pirate

On Wednesday the Grade 3 – 6’s were treated to a musical adventure with Pirates visiting from the USA.

These performers are visiting the festival circuit in Australia so come to us with experience and vitality. Students were able to join in using percussion instruments and many were inspired musically as well. In all we just had great musical fun! It was a rare privilege to have these performers in our small town.

We thank the families who pay their school fees which afford us this opportunity.
Last week, 14 VCE Outdoor Education students, Melissa Clarke, Marnie Blake and Brad Tinning travelled to Torquay for the VCE Outdoor Education surf camp. The students had a great time surfing and learning a number of different techniques. Thank you to Melissa for all her organisation of this trip and to Marnie and Brad for giving up their time to make this possible. Melissa’s report follows later in this newsletter. Congratulations to this group on representing our college so well.

VCE Enhancement Day

Year 12 students attended the VCE Enhancement day at the Kyabram Bocce Club last Friday. Glenn Irvine was the guest speaker for the day and he ran a series of workshops on: performance coaching; power study; health and wellbeing; career coaching; unlocking your true potential; self-esteem; and team building. Students reported that it was a very worthwhile day with over 90% of students in attendance. A big thank you to Louise Mellington and Lainie Lockwood for all their work in organising such a fantastic day for our students.

Attendance Counts

DID YOU KNOW?
- Students who miss more than nine days of school each year struggle to stay engaged, be successful and stay on track to graduation.
- Absences can be a sign that a student is losing interest in school, struggling with school work, dealing with a bully or facing some other potentially serious difficulty.
- Missing 10 percent, or about 18 days, of the school year can drastically affect a student’s academic success.
- Students can be considered chronically absent even if they only miss a day or two every few weeks.
- Attendance is an important life skill that will help your child graduate from college and keep a job.

WHAT YOU CAN DO
Make school attendance a priority
- Talk about the importance of showing up to school everyday; make that the expectation.
- Help your child maintain daily routines, such as finishing homework and getting a good night’s sleep.
- Try not to schedule appointments during the school day.
- Don’t let your child stay home unless truly sick. Complaints of headaches or stomach aches may be signs of anxiety.

Help your teen stay engaged
- Find out if your child feels engaged by his classes and feels safe from bullies and other threats. Make sure he/she is not missing class because of behavioural issues and school discipline policies. If any of these are problems, work with your school.
- Stay on top of academic progress and seek help from teachers if necessary. Make sure teachers know how to contact you.
- Stay on top of your child’s social contacts. Peer pressure can lead to skipping school, while students without many friends can feel isolated.
- Encourage meaningful afterschool activities, including sports and clubs.

Communicate with the school
- Know the school’s attendance policy – incentives and penalties
- Talk to teachers if you notice sudden changes in behaviour. These could be tied to something going on at school.
- Check on your child’s attendance to be sure absences are not piling up.
- Ask for help from school officials, afterschool programs, other parents or community agencies if you’re having trouble getting your child to school.

(This information was sourced from the Attendance Counts Website)
Environment Committee

If any parent would like to be a member of the College Environment Committee, please contact me at the College. We meet twice per term and discuss a range of issues that affect the environment at the College. Examples include shade structures, work around the College, building maintenance and use of the College grounds by sporting groups. Our first meeting of the year will be on March 10th at 7pm.

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.

Immunisations for Students in Years 7, 8, 9 and 10

The 2015 School Based Immunisation Program will be offered at Kyabram P-12 College by the Shire of Campaspe Nurse Immunisation Team on

Thursday 26th March
First Dose HPV for students in Year 7
Diptheria/Tetanus/Whooping Cough for Year 7, 8, 9 and 10

Please note: Chickenpox Vaccine will be given to Year 7 students on the second visit in May.
Year 10 students attending the Central Australia Trip in late March will receive their immunisation on Monday 2nd March

Zone Swimming

Trudee Leahy

On Monday March 2nd 2015, seven students from Years 7-10 competed at Zone Swimming in Echuca. Students should be congratulated on their exceptional behaviour and sportsmanship. All displayed the values of the school and represented our school with pride.

Kyabram finished 6th overall with Grace Gale claiming 15 Years Age Champion and many placing 1st, 2nd or 3rd in their races. All students swam well. Grace Gale and Alex Woods will now be part of the Campaspe Swimming Team to compete in Swan Hill on March 16th.

Thank you to Mrs Louise Mellington for officiating and driving the bus and Marnie Blake for timekeeping.

Year 7 Welcome Night

Vivienne Thomas

Kyabram P-12 College held a Welcome Night for Year 7 students and their families last Thursday evening. This was an opportunity for parents to meet their child’s teachers, our School Captains and School Chaplain, Liz. There was a large crowd in attendance, lots of smiling faces and friendly conversation. Vivienne Thomas, Year 7-9 Community Leader, spoke with many parents and heard lots of positive feedback regarding the Year 7 camp and start to school. We are looking forward to a positive year with many opportunities for students to achieve their best and achieve their goals. If you were unable to come to the evening but would like an opportunity to talk to staff, please contact the Year 7 Coordinator, Renee Howell.
The year 11 Outdoor and Environmental Studies class headed down to Torquay last Monday week for their first overnight camp of the year. Students experienced surfing at numerous beaches such as Torquay and Cosy Corner, as well as learning about the history of the surfing capital of Victoria. The surf museum lead them on a tour of the changes in the recreational sport of surfing specifically focusing on the technology of the surfboard as well as the way we use the coastal environment.

All of the students successfully stood up on the board and it wasn’t long before they were turning and catching bigger waves and riding them in to the shore.

They had the opportunity to put their camping skills to the test. They had taken every opportunity given to them and it was a pleasure taking them away to represent our college.

On Friday I received a lovely email from a community member that was camping beside us for the week. An excerpt reads as follows:

Dear Melissa,

It is with great pleasure that I write to you re: the maturity, consideration of others and general mature behaviour of the students in your charge while at the Torquay Foreshore Caravan Park this past week. My wife, myself and three other couples were in caravans to the west of your group, and we are all in agreement that your group were exemplary.

I am so proud of the Year 11 Outdoor and Environmental Studies class, as they upheld the highest standard of the school values. I would like to thank them all for such a wonderful trip. Thank you also to Mr Tinning and Miss Blake for all of their support on this trip.
Curriculum Committee
Rowena Morris
The Kyabram P-12 Curriculum Committee for 2015 has a vacancy for a parent representative. The role of the Curriculum Committee is to discuss, review and make recommendations to School Council regarding the curriculum concerns of the college. Parent representatives will be actively involved in decision making and review of programs, with attendance at one or two meetings per term required. If you are interested in becoming involved in the Curriculum Committee, please contact Rowena Morris through the school on 5851 2100 or morris.rowena.c@edumail.vic.gov.au. The existing committee would also like to take this opportunity to thank our outgoing parent representative Samantha Hall for her contributions to the Curriculum Committee over the past several years.

Host Appreciation Award
AFL SportsReady showed its appreciation for Kyabram P-12 College when they were awarded the ‘Host Appreciation Award for 2014-2015’ last Saturday night at the MCG. AFL Representative for the Northern Region, Michael Caruso, said that “AFL Sportsready Team appreciate the support, encouragement and the wonderful opportunities that Kyabram P-12 College provide each and every one of their Trainees wishing to forge a potential career pathway. It’s always hard to select one Host above all of the others; we value each and every Employer that we partner with”.

Previous Hosts to have won this award include:
- 2011 Yarrawonga P-12 College
- 2012 St Mary of the Angels SC Nathalia
- 2013 Catholic College Wodonga
- 2014 Sacred Heart College Yarrawonga

On checking the National database the AFL found that since 2005, the school had provided 29 successful Traineeships in Sport & Recreation, Education Support, Information Technology and Business Administration. Adding to this was the fact that every year since 2005, they had provided an opportunity for an Education Support Trainee in the ‘Performing Arts’ key learning area of the school – this now provides the template for other schools to engage more widely in the AFL ‘ArtsReady’ program – a program launched in July, 2013 to provide pathway opportunities for young people interested in the ‘Creative Industries’. Kyabram P-12 College have always been pro-active and hence a forerunner in providing pathways for students. In 2014, the school provided three Traineeship opportunities and this year they have followed up again with a further four.

Pictured is Michael Caruso, with College Principal, Stuart Bott, who received the award on behalf of the College.
**Kids With Courage – Term 2**

*Kids with Courage* is a program that aims to strengthen primary aged children who sometimes struggle at school, home or with peer relationships. The program themes build on the child’s strengths and develops emotional resilience. In a supportive, fun atmosphere children will explore feelings, set goals and find positive ways of problem solving and making changes.

*Kids with Courage* is a Lifekeys (www.careforcelifeykeys.org.) program and will be conducted by the Community Church of Kyabram. *Kids with Courage* is endorsed by the College.

*Kids with Courage* will run on Wednesdays from 2.00pm-4.00pm over seven weeks from 13th May to 24th June.

Please pick up an information flyer and application form at the Primary Campus office if you are interested and for further details regarding cost.

Enquiries can be made to Hazel Smith (5853 1434) or John Hosking (5853 1010).

“My child had not been able to talk about her feelings and thoughts and was acting out. Since doing Kids with Courage she has begun to communicate more freely and is much more confident.” - a Kyabram mother

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**Mount Alexander Schools Chess Challenge**

The Mt Alexander Chess Squared Program and community partnerships is holding the Mt Alexander Schools Chess Challenge with $20,000 in prize money.

This will be held on May 20th and 21st

If you would like more information, please see Vivienne Thomas

Details go to: castlemainechess.wordpress.com

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**What does ANZAC Day mean to you? What does it mean to Australia? What does it mean to Kyabram?**

Write a poem about the Centenary of the ANZAC Landings.

**Secondary students**: Write a poem no more than one page in length about ANZAC Day and the Centenary of the ANZAC Landings.

**Primary students**: Write an acrostic poem about ANZAC DAY.

Entries can be submitted to the Primary or Secondary office.

Winning entries will receive 5 house points and a prize donated by the Kyabram RSL.

All other entries will receive 1 house point.

Entries are DUE by Friday, 17th April.
KYABRAM JUNIOR FOOTBALL GROUP INC.

COMMUNITY MATTERS

KYABRAM NETBALL ASSOCIATION
First grading night for association players (Friday night comp) is THURSDAY 12 MARCH 2015 at 5.30 for one hour at the Northern Oval. Entry forms will be available on our website, at Bennett Sports or on the night.

First night for try-outs for tournament is WEDNESDAY 11 MARCH 2015 at 5.30. Tournament players compete against other associations in select tournaments.

NET SET GO - starts on 8 May 2015.

Any enquiries to Peter Hall after hours on 5853 1269

KYABRAM KNIGHTS SOCCER - COME AND TRY NIGHT
We invite all current and new players to our come and try night. On FRIDAY 20TH MARCH, 2015 from 6.00pm to 7.30pm for a soccer clinic at Kyabram P-12 Primary School oval.

CLINIC WILL CONSIST OF A WORLD CUP FORMAT and will be followed by a sausage sizzle.

BYO: Soccer boots, shin pads and water bottles

Registration forms will be available on the night. Registration cost is $65.00.

This year's age groups are Under 6s, Under 7s, Under 9s, Under 10s and Under 12s.

All family and friends are welcome.

If you are unable to attend come and try night, please email your child/ren’s name and age and your contact number to kyabramnightsoccerclub@gmail.com to register your interest and a member of the committee will be in touch.

Season training will commence on Tuesday 24TH March. Competition commences on Saturday 10TH April.

We are looking forward to another fun and enjoyable season of soccer.

Please contact Dae-Anne Codis 0409 523 561, Sonia Walmsley 0419 112 717 or Frank Stepallin 0409 946 669 for further information.

OPEN DAY
Jets Shepparton
Mooroopna Rec Reserve
Midland Hwy, Mooroopna

SUNDAY 22 MARCH 9AM-12PM
Loads of great activities for children 2-12yrs to try, Free Play, Gymnastics Circuits and Giveaways. Come in and give gymnastics a go. Bring all your friends too :)
## COLLEGE CALENDAR

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**OES Wilsons Promontory Bushwalk**

**Central Australia Trip** 25th March - 5th April