Dear Parents and Friends,

COLLEGE COUNCIL - AGM

On Tuesday March 24 at 6:30pm, the College Council Annual General Meeting will be held in the Library. Everyone is welcome to attend. Following the AGM will be the first meeting of the new College Council. Once again I would like to congratulate re-elected parent member Warren Davies, Andrew Griffiths and Colleen Sutton and welcome new member Sandra Fletcher; and the new staff representatives are yet to be confirmed. This is great news as all parent positions have been filled. A great start to the new council for 2015!!

NATIONAL DAY OF ACTION AGAINST BULLYING AND VIOLENCE

FRIDAY (WEAR PINK Yr 7-12)

The National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence takes place tomorrow Friday 20 March. We will be joining schools around the nation running events and activities to promote that bullying and violence at school are not okay at any time and to counter bullying in a proactive and positive way. We are asking that all secondary members of our school community wear something pink to school tomorrow. If you haven’t anything pink then you must come in your school uniform. Primary students will be having school photos so we ask that they come to school in their school uniform.

There will be a number of activities running across the classes at Kyabram P-12 College. The primary students will participate in these planned activities.

DEB BALL

I would like to thank everyone involved in the Deb Ball practices that are going on at the moment, especially Jane Kightly and Judy Ross who have donated their time after work each Wednesday to support the debutantes. Staff have also been donating their time as well to support this worthwhile event on our college calendar. We have two groups working extremely hard at the moment preparing for May 1st and 2nd where the two groups will display what they have learnt over many weeks of dance practice.
The Gift
Kyabram P-12 College will be supporting the Kyabram Gift Inc. by holding a Purple Day at School on Monday 23rd March. Everyone, including staff and students, are asked to wear anything purple on this day and bring a gold coin as a donation supporting Kyabram and district people living with cancer. This is a great cause for our local people so let's support them.

Chaplaincy AGM
Last night I attended the Chaplaincy AGM. Our church community helps to provide the financial support to employ Liz Spicer in our school, which provides many students, staff and community members enormous support and benefit. It is with great pleasure that I announce the following people as office bearers for the Chaplaincy Committee:

Chairperson: Heather Coombs
Secretary: Christine Anderson
Treasurer: Cam Thompson

I would like to thank Chaplaincy Committee and the churches for their support for our College. I would like to wish the new committee all the best for 2015 and reiterate that we value your support very highly.

Last Day of School
The last day of Term 1 is, Friday 27th March. Students will be dismissed from school at 2:20pm.

P-4 Awards

P-6 Assistant Principal Report

David Jenner

Parent Teacher Interviews

Thank you to all of our parents, students and teachers who have met this week in order to have discussions in regards to your child’s education and wellbeing at Kyabram P-12 College. These interviews are important as they encourage clear communication between our college and our families, with the best interests of our students as our main focus. We have an open door policy, and we encourage parents to make an appointment at any time to meet with staff in order to discuss general student progress. Thank you all for your support here!

Snow Cones
Meagan Martini and Robyn Hourihan on behalf of Parents’ Club will be running a Snow Cone Day on Tuesday 24th March for Prep-3 and Thursday 26th March for Grade 4-6 during lunch time. The snow cones cost $1 each.
Please promote this with your students and support our Parents Club here.
Congratulations to our following House Captains for 2015. We wish you well as you work towards leadership within your houses with your thinking, actions and efforts:

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**STUDENT GOALS**

Our teachers and students are currently working on the development of student goals. Goals are a great way of setting a realistic plan of how to achieve set targets. These goals will be shared with parents soon, so please be aware of them being communicated to families. If you would like to discuss your child’s goals at any time, please make an appointment to meet with your child’s classroom teacher. Thank you.

**HARMONY DAY ACTIVITIES**

Harmony Day (21st March) celebrates Australia’s cultural diversity. It’s about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone. All Primary classes will be offered the opportunity to participate in a performance by Indigenous dancers, Narjic and Sissy, from Echuca this Friday at 2.20p.m. This will enhance our student’s knowledge of, and celebrate, the first Australians as part of our Harmony week activities. The grade 3 and 4 students will participate in a dance workshop throughout the day with Sissy and Narjic which will further explain the way stories and legends are shared through Aboriginal culture.

Thank you to Mrs. Meeking for coordinating this special event for our students.

**INFECTIOUS DISEASES**

There have been recent reported cases of Chickenpox within the College. Please note your child will need to be excluded from school until all blisters have dried. This is usually at least five days after the rash appears in unimmunised children, but may be less in previously immunised children.

**HEAD LICE**

It is that time of the year where head lice can become an issue in schools. Can I ask all parents / guardians to check their sons / daughters hair on a regular basis for head lice? If they have head lice please do not panic, as a simple remedy to treat head lice with a solution is available and you will just need to follow the directions on the treatment you are using. I have been told that white hair conditioner is very effective and using a very fine comb to comb the head lice out works wonders.

**P-2 News**

**Prep Learning Focus**

- Letter/Phonic: Gg and Oo
- Reading: One to one matching and initial sounds
- Writing: Letter formation and initial sounds
- Numeracy: Rote counting, matching numbers to collections and writing numbers
**Grade 1**

The Grade 1 students recently enjoyed a literacy session at the local Campaspe library. The session involved an information session about the library, some reading and a craft activity in which the students enthusiastically participated. Students joined the library and their cards were distributed on the day so no doubt they will be keen to visit the library outside school hours. All this reading is to be encouraged.

In Mathematics the students have continued to be engaged in sessions on solving addition equations, using appropriate strategies. Students continue to practise their skip counting, counting by 1s, 2s, 5s and 10s up to 100. Students are encouraged to practise their oral counting at every opportunity. On long car trips students could count forwards and backwards up to 100. Similarly, we have studied 2D and 3D shapes so some searching for these shapes in your home will encourage their learning.

**A few reminders:**

Photo Day is this Friday. P-2 Photos will be taken before recess. Students are required to wear school uniform.

Snow Cone Day for P-2 is next Tuesday 24th March.

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### 3/4 News

Classes in 3/4 have been working on Chocolate Persuasive pieces of writing.

The structure for persuasive pieces of writing need to include:

1. Introduction – stating your opinion or point of view
2. Reason #1 with evidence starting with the word ‘Firstly…’
3. Reason #2 with evidence starting with the word ‘Secondly…’
4. Reason #3 with evidence starting with the word ‘Lastly or Thirdly…’
5. Conclusion - restating opinion and summarising reasons given.

A couple of students writing examples:

**The Legendary Crunchie**

By Deegan Snelson

Crunchie chocolate bars are far more legendary than boring old Kit Kats and Mars Bars! Crunchies are the perfect size and choice.

*Firstly, Crunchies have a thin chocolate cover with golden hokey pokey honeycomb that tastes like legendary honey. Secondly, Crunchie wrappers are shiny gold with purple and Crunchie crumbs on the sides. It looks like a priceless treasure.*

*Thirdly, Crunchies smell like yummy Cadbury filled Easter eggs, so you can smell Easter eggs even if Easter is long gone.*

So, remember the next time you choose a chocolate bar, make sure you choose a Crunchie or you will be sorry. They have a thin chocolate cover with golden hokey pokey honeycomb, their wrappers make them look like treasure and they remind of Easter eggs.

**Melting in Your Mouth Mars Bars**

By Abbey Freemantle

Mars Bars are way better than yucky Crunchies and silly Kit Kats. Eat a Mars Bar to feel very happy.

*Firstly, Mars Bars are very attractive with its black, red and yellow wrapper. Sometimes, when I walk into the shop and see them, it makes my mouth water.*

*Secondly, Mars Bars have melted flaky chocolate and sticky caramel inside it. That’s what makes it so yummy!*

*Thirdly, Mars Bars are easy to eat. Sometimes they stick to your mouth but that just makes it last longer. It doesn’t melt on your hands.*

*Mars Bars are better because they have a nice wrapper, it’s yummy inside and they are easy to eat.*
5/6 News
Healthy Lifestyle Unit
The 5/6 students are half way through their immersion topics for this unit. Each Thursday each class studies a different topic for two hours. These range from making healthy choices, risk taking, puberty, physical health, total health and nutrition. It has been encouraging to hear the feedback from parents that their children have been discussing these topics with them at home.

5/6 Assembly
Next Wednesday at 10:30am we will hold our final 5/6 Assembly for the term. This will be in South Side and as usual, parents and family are welcome to attend.

5-12 Assembly
This will be held next Friday during period 3.

Poetry
Miss Bradley and Mr Ross were very impressed with the number of students willing to participate in reciting “In Flanders Field” last week. A few very motivated students had even remembered the poem off by heart. This week we will be learning acrostic poetry and students will be asked to write an acrostic about ANZAC Day with the best pieces being selected to go into a competition.

Diaries
All students have now been given diaries. We apologise for the late arrival but there was a mix up in the orders. Students can record their homework in their diaries and these can be used for correspondence between school and home with the home group teacher.

7-12 Principal Report
Danny Walsh
LEARNING CURVE NEWSLETTER ARTICLE
Each week I would like to include a parent newsletter article from the Learning Curve which is in line with the Secondary student planner. I hope you find these articles valuable.

PLANNING AND TIMELINES
Wellbeing Element – Strengths and Control
Character Strength – Perseverance
In all of their subjects students are required to complete set pieces of learning. In many cases students don’t have the resourcefulness to set timelines to follow or to plan methodically what they are going to do and how and when they are going to do it. This week’s Wellbeing Builder goes beyond their personal timetables to looking at setting explicit drafting timelines to complete essays, assignments and other learning requirements. Learning how to set and implement flexible and methodical planning will strengthen their time management skills. Home Learning and learning in places other than in the classroom are key elements in the establishment of an efficient study program and effective time management habits.

Students learn from a vast variety of sources and experiences and to make connections to what they already know, they require individual time away from class to reflect on it. Their confidence in how they allocate their time is the key ingredient. Students need to set timelines for tasks such as:

- Completing unfinished learning from the school day.
- Practising further subject material to reinforce and consolidate the concepts in their minds. (If they can do it at home on their own, then they know it.)
- Connecting with and applying knowledge to new situations.
- Revising what they have learnt in order to store it in their long term memory tanks to retrieve later for exams/tests and other situations.
- Summarising and reviewing notes from class; timelines are a must here.
- Going off on tangents which interest them and investigating new possibilities to explore and experiment with.

NATIONAL DAY OF ACTION AGAINST BULLYING
Friday 20th March is the National day of Action Against Bullying. As a College, we will be participating in activities to promote the Anti-Bullying message. Our senior students will be working with the Prep-2 students to make hands with messages of support. Students are encouraged to wear pink to support the day.
REPORTS AND PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Years 7-12 Parent/teacher interviews will be held on Monday 20th April and Wednesday 29th April between 4pm and 7pm in the Years 10-12 Village building. All bookings are made online through Compass and will close at 9am on the morning of interviews. Bookings can be made as of Monday 23rd March. If any parent has lost their log on details, please call the office on 5851 2100. Years 10-12 Interim Reports will be available on Compass from Monday 23rd March.

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 received their immunisation on Monday 2nd March

Maths Homework Club Years 7-12
Lisa Stevens

It has been great to see students taking the initiative to make sure they complete their maths tasks by using some of the opportunities at school.

Junior students can work in the library Thursday and Friday lunchtimes with some Year 11 students who are generously giving up their time to be available. See Ms Thomas if you would like more information.

The Maths Homework Club is also available for all year levels on Wednesdays after school and Friday lunchtimes (but not the last Friday of term), upstairs in the senior building (S25). Please book in for this by contacting Lisa Stevens at school, via Compass or at stevens.lisa.l@edumail.vic.gov.au. Along with their homework sheets and normal class materials, students should bring their planner.

There is no charge for either of these opportunities.

Music and Arts Opportunities

Students and families are welcome to contact Sue Meeking to find out about special music, drama and other Arts extension opportunities.

Usually the activities or programs involve travelling out of Kyabram so families may need to commit to travel even to Melbourne. However to advance in any skill effort is required. Should you wish to find out more about possibilities keep your eye on Channels and the student bulletin.

Virtuosity

Young musicians everywhere are invited to join our 2015 Virtuosity participants on their journey as they negotiate taking their chosen concerto movement from the page to the stage, mentored by Australia’s finest accompanists and conductors before ultimately performing live with the Percy Grainger Youth Orchestra and conductor Pat Miller.

Virtuosity is the ideal springboard into professional concerto performance, participation in competitions and the development of advanced musical skills – both on and off stage.

‘Playing my piece with an orchestra was like completing a jigsaw puzzle, when all the parts are put together something beautiful is created.’ Natasha Hanna, Virtuosity 2014 First Prize Recipient.

Follow our participants’ inspirational journey, live-streamed at www.mymlive.com

Saturday 11 April, 11.00am Virtuosity Semi Final Live Stream from VCA
Sunday 9 August, 7.30pm Virtuosity Grand Final Live Stream from Deakin Edge

Or follow our 2015 Virtuosity participants’ journey by subscribing to www.youtube.com/MelbYouthMusic
Year 7-9 Community Information

Vivienne Thomas

Year 7 have recently completed an evaluation regarding their camp experience. We will be using this information to help us plan for 2016. If you would like to speak with us about the camp and/or have any feedback, please contact Vivienne Thomas.

Year 7 have also completed a Confidential Bullying Survey. Renee Howell and I will be working through these responses and identifying issues that need to be addressed.

There are a number of activities for Year 7 students to participate in during the week, these include:

- Math’s tutoring on Thursday and Friday lunchtime in the library and after school Wednesday, please contact Vivienne Thomas for more information.
- Joseph and His Technicolor Dream Coat Rehearsals, Tuesday 3.30-5pm
- Help in the Agricultural Center on Tuesdays at lunch, see Ms. Howell
- Learn to play Chess, every day in the library
- Board games, every day in the library at lunch
- Lunchtime games in the Hall with Marnie Blake

All students have a great Planner that can be used to communicate with the school. Students should be recording their Homework in their planner. Please have a look and see how they are going on a regular basis.

All parents should have received instructions in the mail regarding how to use our new computer information system, Compass. Please contact the College if you have any questions.
**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.careforcelifekeys.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
COMMUNITY MATTERS

‘A day beneath the gums’
THE KYABRAM FOOD, BEER, WINE AND MUSIC FESTIVAL
Sunday 22 March, 2015
11am – 5pm
Kyabram Recreation Reserve, Unwin St, Kyabram

Over 30 stalls
Food, Wine, Beer, Coffee, Music and Market Stalls

MARK SEYMOUR
Ryan Meeking • Up Up Away (Feat: James Davies) • Jayne Lilford
Josh Martin • Tayler Hocking • Darrelle Bassett • Chris McDonald • Millie Dillon McKenzie
Kim Morrison & Chris McDonald • Locally grown jazz band led by Kim Morrison

Tickets:
Adults $5.50, Kids $2.50, Concessions $4.00

BYO Chairs & Rugs
Strictly NO BYO FOOD OR DRINKS

Kyabram P-12 College Chaplaincy support committee
We’re going to the 2015 Melbourne Flower & Garden Show
COME JOIN US

A DAY IN OUR
Garden
COME SPEND A DAY IN OUR GARDEN AND BE INSPIRED TO GET BACK INTO YOURS
25 - 29 MARCH 2015

Thursday March 26
Leaving Kyabram Sports Stadium
Allan Street St at 7.30am
Cost $70 per ticket
Includes morning & afternoon tea, entry ticket & coach.

Tickets or bookings can be made by phoning Fab Flowers Florist & Garden on 5852 1738 or Sue on 0400 565 052. Sorry no credit card facilities available.

Kyabram Toy Library
JUMPING CASTLE
NOW AVAILABLE!!

Kyabram Auskick 2015

Kyabram Auskick will commence on Sunday the 17th May 2015 at the Harlem Street school oval starting at 10am. There will be approximately 11 sessions of Auskick this year and it welcomes all primary school boys and girls.

Parents need to register and pay for their children via the Auskick website www.auskick.com.au. The cost of registration is $75.00 Inc GST. The cost includes the Auskick pack which will be shipped to your home once your payment has been received on the Auskick website. As an added bonus, by registering online before the 20th of April, it entitles each participant to 4 AFL passes to selected games.

NAB Auskick allows children to play sport in a relaxed environment where making friends, having fun with their parents and improving their skills are given equal weight. All children, regardless of their ability, will have as many opportunities to touch the ball and use it effectively as the next child.

Auskick does require volunteers to assist with the coaching of the children during the sessions, so if any parent would like to assist in this area they are invited to contact the coordinator.

For further inquiries please contact Jason Wills at jasktw22@bigpond.com or call 0409 414 671.

2015 Special $50 Hire (plus $50 bond)

The Kyabram Toy Library ‘Triple Play’ jumping is available for hire. Measuring 4.2m wide by 5m deep, up to 7 children can play on this awesome combo, bouncing in the massive jumping area, playing hoops or racing down the slides! For insurance purposes, you must be a member to hire (annual membership $30).

For Jumping Castle Hire or Party Pack please contact us through our Facebook page, email at ktytoolibrary@gmail.com or call in to the Toy Library during open hours.
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Primary Campus Central Australia Meeting 7pm  
10-12 Building | School Photos for Secondary  
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|  | Purple Day for whole college  
VCE Top Arts Excursion to Melbourne | Snow Cone Day P-3  
Production Rehearsals 3:30-5pm | Deb Ball Training 6-8:30pm | Snow Cone Day Grade 4-6  
Vaccinations for Yr 7-10  
Production Rehearsals 3:30-5pm | End of Term 2:20pm dismissal |  |

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.
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