Dear Parents and Friends,

STAFFING
I would like to inform our school community that the following staff were successful in gaining a position at our school for the remainder of the year. Miss Chloe Harvie, was successful in regaining her position and will continue teaching her prep class; Miss Claudia Green was successful in regaining her position, teaching in the primary and secondary part of the college and will teach PE, drama and will share a class with Ms Trish Bradley in Grade 5/6; Ms Eileen McNeilly has been selected for a new position in the school in assisting students in literacy and numeracy in Years 7 – 9; and last of all we will welcome back Mrs Sarah Mangan who will be returning from leave to teach PE in the primary campus.

We congratulate all of the above staff that were successful in selection process.

SHADE STRUCTURES
At College Council this week it was decided that we will be erecting shade structures over all the playgrounds in the primary campus. The successful tenderer was Kyabram Steel and Fabrication. This work will be done in the school holiday periods to ensure the playgrounds are still available for the students to play on. These structures were purchased by the two primary schools a number of years ago and it is exciting that we are able to bring them on to the primary campus.

NATIONAL DAY OF ACTION AGAINST BULLYING AND VIOLENCE
The National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence took place last Friday, 20\textsuperscript{th} March. The aim of the day was to promote that bullying and violence at school are not okay at any time and to counter bullying in a proactive and positive way.

There were a number of activities running across the classes at Kyabram P-12 College. One of the activities that the students were involved in was a buddy activity where the Year 11 and 12 students worked with the Prep-2 students. It was great to see these students working together and the care that the Year 12 students demonstrated was...
THE GIFT
Thank you to everyone at Kyabram P-12 College for supporting the Kyabram Gift Inc. by being involved in the Purple Day on Monday. From the donations our school raised $539.40. This is great support for the families affected by cancer in and around Kyabram that require support.

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL
The last day of Term 1 is, Friday 27th March. Students will be dismissed from school at 2:20pm. Buses will be running at the end of school.

ANZAC DAY CEREMONY
Saturday, 25th April 2015 marks the 100th anniversary of the ANZAC landings at Gallipoli. This year is an important year in our history that Kyabram P-12 College are going to recognise on Friday, 24th April 2015 at 11:30am. Please put this date in your calendar.

REFLECTION OF TERM 1
Well what a busy term it has been! How quickly the term started and finished. We had our preps and Year 7 students start the school year well and they fitted in to the normal running of the school well. Our Year 12 students are well in to the swing of their last year of secondary school and they have been working extremely hard as they get closer to the end of the year. Our College Captains have been extremely busy and their high quality preparation for many events has been a pleasure to observe and they have represented the school with distinction. There has been some very special events this term which we can reflect on and say what wonderful students we have in our school and what wonderful staff we have that support the students do what they are interested in to perform at the highest level they can. There have been many examples of that this term many have been included in previous Channels.

School resumes on Monday, 13th April. Have a great Easter and a relaxing holiday everyone.

College Business Manager’s Report
Jan Prior

FAMILY SUPPORT PROGRAM - REMINDER
Thank you to parents who have made payments for their Essential Education Charges for 2015. Family Statements have been posted out recently. Please contact the office if you have any queries.

From 1st January 2015, the Australian Government has ceased Education Maintenance Allowance. The College Council have made a decision to continue to support families who would normally be eligible to receive EMA. Eligible Primary School students will receive a discount of $50 off their Essential Charges and Secondary School students will receive a discount of $80.

If you haven’t had a chance to do this yet, please bring your Health Care Card or valid Pension Card to the office so that we can process your Family Support discount.

HAPPY EASTER
I would like to wish all of our College Community a relaxing Term Break and hope you enjoy your time with family and friends. If any of the Office Team can help you, or if you have any queries, please give us a call. For urgent enquiries during the holiday period, please call 0418 685 046.

P-4 Awards

AWARDS
Doing Your Best: Jedd T, Nikita O, Tahlia V, Emily T, Aiden R, Gemma J
Resilience: Aaron R, Oliver S, Jye L, Maddy B, Baylee L
Community: Beau A, Khushi K, Mikayla K
Respect: Ava T, Drew G
Responsibility: Haylee B, Jack R, Elliot P
Can you believe that it is already the end of Term 1 for 2015? A big thank you and congratulations to everyone for the way in which we have all worked together as a college community in order to achieve excellent results this Term. I wish you all well over the two week break, and look forward to seeing you all when Term 2 begins on Monday 13th April.

HARMONY DAY ACTIVITIES
Harmony Day (21st March) celebrates Australia's cultural diversity. It's about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone.

Thank you to Mrs. Meeking who has coordinated a special event for our students on March 20th (last Friday).

The indigenous dance concert was presented to the primary campus by local Aboriginal dance performers. These activities are a great way of educating our students around topics around Harmony Day and multiculturalism.

Grade 3/4 Dance Event (Concert)
Please note on the calendar that Grade 3 and 4 students will perform for their families in a dance event on two nights at the end of Term 2. We will perform in the school hall and tickets will be sold during the month before. Every child is in the concert and it is important they attend both nights, please, as their classmates will rely on partners being there and their team working together. Please tell Mrs Meeking soon if your students are away on these dates:
Dates: 23rd and 24th of June.
Grades Prep, 1 and 2 will have a concert in September.

Thank you to parents for their support throughout the term. Regular communication between parents and teachers is the key to improving student achievement. As a parent, you know your child better than anyone else, you know your child’s strengths and weaknesses. Please continue to share your knowledge and be involved in your child’s education. The more teachers know about your child the more they will be able to make lessons more meaningful and connected to your child. When children can make connections between what they learn in class with their lives outside of school, they become engaged and enthusiastic students.

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.
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.

Family Teamwork
Wellbeing Element – Relationships and Optimism
Character Strength – Love

When students enjoy transparent, honest and caring relationships with their families they are happy in themselves and approach their learning with growth mindsets. Their Relationships and Optimism element of wellbeing is developing well.

Having trusting, clear and open communication lines between their parents and teachers provides a fertile and supportive environment in which students can strive, thrive and flourish. We all need feedback on how we are travelling in order to make necessary adjustments in our lives and our students are no different. To build students’ self-awareness and ownership of their attitudes and behaviours they need regular developmental, non-judgemental feedback. The adolescent brain is a turbulent place, with the good decision making centre, the Pre-frontal Cortex, not completely wired up. As such, while they can create emotions just like adults they don’t yet have the capabilities to consistently control them. This often leads to any advice or feedback to be seen by them as criticism.

Building relationships is a two way street, which is sometimes quite a challenge with many teenagers preferring a one way street; my way or the highway. To encourage them to think beyond me, myself and I, a beneficial exercise is to encourage them to do a self-analysis of their emotional intelligence. In completing this they will have to reflect on their input into relationships with others.

The focus should be on encouraging them to adopt growth mindsets to all their pursuits, including health, friendships, leisure, hobbies, sport and their learning. When parents put an extra emphasis on school, the turbulence of their brains kicks in and defiance and/or indifference arise. When a “Teamwork” approach is fostered at home, students tend to see their parents’ advice more as positives to adopt rather than something to resent and rebel against.

NATIONAL DAY OF ACTION AGAINST BULLYING

Friday 20th March was the National day of Action Against Bullying. As a College, we participated in activities to promote the Anti-Bullying message. Our senior students worked with the Primary students to make pink hands with messages against bullying. It was great to see so many staff and students wear pink to support the day.

Year 7-9 Report

No Brainer

Our Year 8 and 9 students participated in a seminar last Tuesday, called, “No Brainer”. The purpose of this seminar was to provide harm prevention – abstinence focused resources. All scientific and academic data proves conclusively that any substance use is detrimental to the brain of children and adolescents. Abstinence is the safest and best option and should be aggressively and consistently promoted across the community! The 2010 National Drug strategy states that Harm Minimisation - “Involves a range of approaches to prevent and reduce drug-related harm including prevention; early intervention; specialist treatment; supply control; safer drug use; and abstinence”.

If you have questions, comments or require some support, please contact Bronwen Lolicato or Vivienne Thomas for more information.

Kryal Castle Excursion

Our Year 8 Students went to Kryal Castle as part of their Humanities education on Tuesday, March 17th. This is Australia’s only medieval theme park – a legendary land of myth and medieval adventure with knights, dragons, wizards, kings, queens, princesses and fairies.

Within the Castle walls is a sprawling medieval village of activities, beginning with the Dragons Labyrinth which reveals the legend of Kryal.

Our Students witnessed jousting tournaments with mounted knights in the Castle arena, wizardry, squire training, archery and sword battles. Everyone had a great day. Thank you to our Year 8 Humanities teachers for taking our students on this experience for the day.
On Monday, 23rd March, 19 students and three staff members departed at 8.00am to Melbourne for a great day out learning and experiencing things that we wouldn’t get to see in Kyabram. We arrived in Melbourne at 11.00am ready for our first item of the day, which was viewing the 2014 art student folios that were picked for the 2015 Top Arts. We had to wear gloves for the handling due to some of them being fragile. We all took some ideas to improve our own folios then we got a quick bite to eat and made our way back in to the gallery for a seminar on how to discover meaning behind the art works displayed in the gallery. Once the seminar had ended we got to view the artworks in the flesh and they were amazing. One of the artworks was a dress made using actual road kill! Eww I know its gross, but the dress was stunning. We were not allowed to take photos of the folios or the artworks due to copyright laws.

Once we had finished in the NGV Ian Potter Gallery, we met up with Ms Powell’s friends she studied teaching with last year, Millie Francis. Ms Francis took us to see the street art on Hosier Lane, and Ms Francis gave us some history on street art in Melbourne. After that Ms Powell gave us some free time to go and get some lunch and do some shopping (or just window shopping!) around the shopping malls of Bourke Street.

At 4.00pm we boarded the bus and started on our journey home, most of the students had fallen asleep on the way home, and yes I was one of them. We stopped off at Wallan Outbound to have some tea then boarded the bus again and set off home. We got back to Kyabram at 7.00pm exactly when we had planned to arrive. On behalf of the VCE Studio Arts and the VCE Arts classes we would like to give a big THANK YOU to Ms Caitlin Powell, Miss Cointa Walkeden and Mr Rob Hunter for taking us on this amazing trip and to Millie Francis for talking to us about the street art.
COLLEGE NEWS

Canteen

Primary Campus

April

Mon 13  Vicky Shay
Tue 14  Allicia Barber
Wed 15  Kristy Rayner
Thu 16  Jenni Turner
Fri 17  Cara Behncke

Secondary Campus

April

10:30-11:45am  Mon 13  HELP Please
1:00-2:15pm    Tue 14  HELP Please
                 Wed 15  HELP Please
                 Thur 16  HELP Please
                 Fri 17  HELP Please

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.

Free Premiers’ Reading Challenge Calendar

The Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge is now open!
The competition is open for students from Grades 3 to Year 10.
If you are interested, please see Mrs Morris, Mrs Corrin or your classroom teacher.

Featuring key Challenge dates, literary events, fun facts, popular authors’ birthdays and tips, it’s a great way for parents and children to track their reading progress, count down the days and stay motivated throughout the Challenge.

For more information on the Challenge visit: www.education.vic.gov.au/prc

Run for the Kids

Marnie Blake

On Sunday, 22nd March six Year 12 girls and five staff members went down to Melbourne to participate in the annual Run For The Kids event. Three members of the Kyabram P-12 College team took place in the 5.4km short course while the other eight members tackled the tough 15.4km long course. As a team, we raised $642 for the Royal Children’s Hospital Good Friday Appeal and the race raised over 1.8 million for the great cause. The Good Friday Appeal has been raising money for the Royal Children’s Hospital since 1931 and have raised well over $274 million for kids and families in need. Run For The Kids began in 2006 and was started by Australian Olympian Steve Monaghett. Since then, this event alone has contributed nearly 12.4 million to the Royal Children’s Hospital and it was an honour to be apart of such a great cause. A huge thank you to all donations from family and community members, Mr Smith for driving the bus down and Miss Leahy for organising the event.
National Day Against Bullying and Violence

In support of the National Day Against Bullying and Violence on Friday, 20th March, staff and students at Kyabram P-12 College dressed up in pink and participated in a range of anti-bullying activities in an aim to reduce disrespectful behaviour within the college. Senior students from the Secondary Campus collaborated with students in the Primary Campus to assist the younger children in their activities.

Each student traced an outline of their hand onto pink paper and wrote a positive message within it that promotes friendly behaviour, such as:

- “Always greet others with a smile”,
- “Treat others as you would like to be treated”
- “We may be different, but we are all the same” etc.

These were then cut out and stuck onto a bright pink anti-bullying display. The Year 12 students showed impressive leadership skills on the day and were fantastic role models to the Prep children they were working with, all of whom showed great excitement upon meeting with the older students. The National Day Against Bullying and Violence at Kyabram P-12 College was full of laughs and smiles as the benefit of treating others with respect was thoroughly relayed to all staff and students.
Kids with Courage

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.careforcelfekeys.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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**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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**GAP YEAR EXPO**

Venue: 4 Percy Street, Echuca

Date: Monday 4th May 2015

Time: 6.00pm - 8.00pm

Are you a Year 11/12 Student considering a GAP Year?

- Meet potential employers (Over 20 businesses in attendance)
- Network with local businesses
- See the great opportunities available to you

It’s Free!
COMMUNITY MATTERS

KYABRAM LAWN EASTER TENNIS TOURNAMENT
Saturday 4th April Round Robin Doubles
Sunday 5th April Round Robin Singles
Monday 6th April Round Robin Mixed

Events: A Grade, B Grade, C Grade, 14 and Under, 12 and Under

More Information contact Chris George 0438523938

JUNIOR STADIUM NETBALL INDOOR SPORTS CENTRE KYABRAM

Games for Players 9 & Under, 7 & Under Term 2 Starts 2nd Week of School Wednesday 22nd April.

Junior Stadium Netball is focusing on Games for players this year! Teams in 9 & under and 7 & under will be combined for 15 mins skills/warm up and then into the main event Games over 45 minutes.

Fees: $70 - 10 Weeks - Learn as you play Games with Bring it on skills/warm up.

All Enquiries / Registration call flour 0432379509 or Kylie on 0419 998190

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ekipmcgrath.com.au/echuca

WINTER SQUAD

The 2015 winter tournament and training squad is for players wishing to keep playing tennis during the off season.

There will be four training sessions and six tournaments, the first being a doubles tournament in Shepparton on Sunday April 19.

A singles tournament will be conducted each month after that until the summer season starts.

Anybody interested please call David on 0427 004 457.

FUNDAMENTALS HOLIDAY CLINIC

The Basketball Kyabram Fundamentals Clinic combines:
- Skills Sessions
- Round Robin Mini Games

For a fun filled day!

TIME: 9.30am - 12pm
DATE: Thursday, April 2 @ Kyabram Youth Club Hall
AGE: 5-9 years
ABILITY: All skill levels.
COST: $20 per child

To register or for more information, please contact:
Michael Mueckel, Basketball Kyabram
Phone: 0414 815 027

REGISTER NOW. PLACES ARE LIMITED!

Girls Ride Out

SUNDAY 12TH APRIL 2015

9.00am for a 9.30am start
6th annual family bike ride, 12km or 20km

Commemorates and finishes at the Echuca Aquatic Reserve (behind the Echuca Tourist Information Centre).
A family BBQ will follow with prizes for best dressed & best decorated bike (male, female, groups & junior).

All enquiries to girlsrideout@echuca.org.au Tel: 0412 824 080

KYABRAM BLUE LIGHT DISCO

Where: KYABRAM YOUTH CLUB HALL
UNWIN STREET, KYABRAM.

When: Friday 27th March 2015.
Time: 6.30 pm to 9.30 pm.
Cost: $7.00 entry at the door.
Ages: 6 to 14 years (Prep-Year 8)
Theme: PURPLE for the Kyabram Gift

Lucky Door Prize:
1st Popcorn Maker!!
2nd Prize: Waffle Iron

Please note: No Bus & No Cloak Room Available
## COLLEGE CALENDAR

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Extended Experimental Investigation LVSSEC ANZAC ceremony Whole School 11:30am

OES Mount Kooyoora Bushwalk April 29th-May 1st