Dear Parents and Friends,

**SCHOOL REVIEW**

Kyabram P-12 College is currently going through a reflection process called a School Review. A School review is designed to provide expert, independent analysis of current school performance and practice, and to advise on appropriate future directions.

Independent reviewers are selected based on their educational expertise and are trained to ensure they are familiar with the Department’s current policies, frameworks and priorities. They use this knowledge base to provide an informed perspective on the school’s performance and recommended improvement strategies.

Opportunities to engage with school staff, parents and students will be provided to ensure our college community has input into the development of the direction of our college.

The reviewers will be running two information sessions for parents. They will be held on:

- **Monday 28th November** at 9:30 am – straight after the Primary Assembly in the staffroom.
- **Monday 28th November** at 7:00 pm in the school library.

If you would like to attend please come along and see how you might feed back your ideas.

**GRADUATION BALL**

Tomorrow night, Friday, is the Graduation Ball for our Class of 2016 (Year 12). They have now finished their exams and they start the next stage of their life as either a student at a university (once their results come through), in the work force or if they are luck enough, they may be travelling. I would like to take this opportunity to wish them all the very best in whatever they end up doing and also wish them an enjoyable night at the Graduation Ball. To all the Class of 2016 please remember Kyabram P-12 College will always be there for you to assist in any way we can, so please don’t be afraid to ask.
2017 ENROLMENT

At this time of the year we are working on the staffing and classes for 2017. As the effectiveness of the class structures depends heavily on knowing the exact number of children who will be at Kyabram P-12 College next year, it is important to advise us if any families will not be returning in 2017. I thank those families who have already notified me of this. If you have a Prep or Year 7 child commencing next year, or know a family that has, and has not yet completed an enrolment form it would be appreciated if this could be attended to immediately.

HATS - REMINDER

As we are a Sunsmart school, in Term 4 we require all students to wear a bucket or broad-brimmed hat when they are outside. The school uniform policy requires all students to wear a blue bucket hat from a uniform supply shop, complete with the school logo. Thank you

BULLYING

Bullying is repeated verbal, physical, social or psychological behaviour that is harmful and involves the misuse of power by an individual or group towards one or more persons. Cyberbullying refers to bullying through information and communication technologies.

Bullying can involve humiliation, domination, intimidation, victimisation and all forms of harassment including that based on sex, race, disability, sexuality or transgender. Bullying of any form or for any reason can have long-term effects on those involved, including bystanders.

Bullying can happen anywhere: at school, travelling to and from school, in sporting teams, between neighbours or in the workplace.

Bullying behaviour can be:

- verbal eg name calling, teasing, abuse, putdowns, sarcasm, insults, threats
- physical eg hitting, punching, kicking, scratching, tripping, spitting
- social eg ignoring, excluding, ostracising, alienating, making inappropriate gestures
- psychological eg spreading rumours, dirty looks, hiding or damaging possessions, malicious SMS and email messages, inappropriate use of camera phones.

Conflict or fights between equals and single incidents are not defined as bullying. Bullying behaviour is not:

- children not getting along well
- a situation of mutual conflict
- single episodes of nastiness or random acts of aggression or intimidation.

Every student has the right to feel secure, happy about themselves and to be comfortable at school. No one has the right to deny any student this right, and it is important that all students have a real awareness of the existence of harassment and what it constitutes, whether as a victim or as a perpetrator.

Discussing this potentially destructive issue both at school and at home will benefit students, and the school community will be a safe haven for all. If you would like to visit some websites you can visit them at:


Should you have any queries or concerns regarding your sons or daughters please do not hesitate to contact the school.

ATTENDANCE

When students have higher than acceptable absences it makes it very difficult for them to build a sound understanding of the subject material. As a consequence, they have gaps in their learning that really restrict their progress. The end result is that they struggle to come to grips with the concepts and become stressed. To put it in perspective, 80% attendance represents a day off per week for the entire school year, 40 days in total. Five years schooling at 80% attendance means a student would have missed a whole school year during this time; the impact on his/her education would be severe. Please encourage your child to attend school every day unless they are ill.

With Flying Start commencing in the secondary part of our school next week it is an important time to do something about the attendance, if it is an issue, as this is an important start to the 2017 school year.

Stuart Bott
College Principal
The Years 7-12 Bookstall is being held today, November 17th, at the Bocce Club. Opening hours are 2:00 pm to 6:30 pm so please remember to call in to collect your child’s 2017 text books. If you have any queries, the Office Team will be at the Bocce Club to help you.

**PREP – GRADE SIX 2017 INFORMATION**

Information packs for 2017 will be sent home with the eldest child in Grades Prep - 6 over the next week. These packs include the P-12 Information Booklet which has loads of information for students and families. Also included in the pack are some payment options for materials and resource costs, Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) information and also a handy fridge magnet, College calendar and contacts guide.

**CHURINGA 2016 – ORDERS CLOSING SOON**

The Churinga school magazine showcases the College’s events for the year. This is a great magazine which looks over the year’s events and is a keepsake for students for the future, to remember their years at the College.

The 2016 Churinga magazine is currently being finalised and will be ready before the end of the school year. If you would like a copy, please finalise your payment of $15 at the College office by the end of November. This will mean that you receive a copy and don’t miss out.

**TRAINEESHIPS – 2017**

◊ Would you like to gain workplace skills and experience?
◊ Would you like to receive a Nationally recognised qualification?

Trainee positions across the College have been released and we are excited to be offering three positions for 2017. These will include:
- Sports Traineeship
- Performing Arts Traineeship
- Horticulture Traineeship

Start Date will be January 30th 2017 and applications close Friday December 2nd C.O.B.

Please apply to: The Principal, PO Box 384, Kyabram 3619 with a current resume.


If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me on 58512102.

**IPAD PRIZE BEING DRAWN SOON**

Kyabram P-12 College Council are encouraging parents to finalise payment of their 2016 Materials and Resources Cost.

A mini-iPad prize (per family) will be drawn by the College Council President at the December Council meeting. To be eligible, 2016 materials and resource costs need to be paid in full by the end of November, or alternatively, an up to date payment plan is in place and has been followed.

Please contact the Office for further information.
P-6 Principal Report
Kate Whitford

CHRISTMAS FAMILY NIGHT

Planning for our Christmas Family night on Thursday the 1st December is well underway thanks to our hard working ‘Parents Club’. An information note has been sent home with your child regarding the collection of items to fill classroom Hampers. These Hampers are auctioned on the night, which is always lots of fun. I hope to see you all there.

SCHOOL REVIEW – PARENT FEEDBACK

As part of our school review we have organised two opportunities for parents to share their thoughts and provide feedback to the school to help shape our focus areas for the future. These will take place on Monday 28th November. The first session will be held at 9:30am, straight after Assembly in the Primary Campus. The second session will be held at 7pm in the Senior Building.

ORIENTATION DAY

The state-wide Orientation Day will take place on Tuesday 6th December. On this day all students move up to the next year for the morning to experience what life might be like at school in 2017.

GRADE 6 FLYING START

As Part of our Transition program our year 6 students will participate in the Flying Start program at the Secondary Campus on Tuesday 6th, Wednesday 7th and Thursday 8th December. This is an opportunity for students to familiarise themselves with life at secondary school.

TALKING THE TALK – SEX AND HEALTH EDUCATION

Our guest speaker, Vanessa Hamilton, will be presenting the parent education session in the P-2 Community Building on Wednesday 23rd November at 7pm. All costs have been covered by the school.

GRADE 2 SWIMMING

Good luck to our Year 2 students who take part in their swimming program next week. I hope the weather is perfect for you. Thank you to the staff for your organisation and parents for your support of this worthwhile program.

P-6 Awards

Congratulations to last week’s and this week’s award winners.

Our Students on TV

On Sunday December 3rd at 7pm (check your guides) Channel 7. Our State Schools Spectacular team are very likely to feature in a documentary about the Spectacular.
3/4 News

With the end of the school year fast approaching we are working towards our presentation day for our “Simple Machines” study topic. We are sorting out information learned such as who uses simple machines, where they are used and why are they so important to us in our everyday lives. The exhibition afternoon will take place on WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 14th; parents and friends are invited to come to the quadrangle rooms at any time between 2:30pm and 3:30pm to view the students’ work. Next week, our students will commence designing and building their own simple machine.

Students may need some assistance collecting the materials needed to construct their design.

We are also getting into our final round of “On Demand” testing for the year, which gives students another chance to demonstrate just how much they have learned this year. These online tests get quite hard, so it’s very rewarding to see our students showing resilience as they tackle each challenge the best they can. Students are also aware that these tests are just one of many ways they can show their learning, so they know not to get stressed about them and just do their best.

Also, with next year in mind, the Year 3s have recently enjoyed being promoted to Year 4 for an hour each Thursday, guiding the Year 2 children into their new levels for 2017. Our Year 4 students have also been enjoying the opportunity to get a taste of what it is to be in Year 5/6 and check out the wonderful learning spaces that team enjoys!

Primary Sport

Sarah Mangan

GOLF

Congratulations to Liv Cartwright, Riley Locke and Josh Cartwright who have made it through to State level in golf! Good luck and we are looking forward to hearing how you go.

CRICKET

Last week we took four Year 3/4 teams and four Year 5/6 teams to Moama to compete in the T20 Blast Schools Cup (Cricket). They were great days and the students represented our College well with great sportsmanship throughout both days. Special thanks to Liam Barrett, Nikki Griffiths and Sue Joyce who volunteered their time to umpire a team, this was a huge task! Great to see such high numbers of students participating in these sports.

Cricket!

Huge thankyou to Liam Barrett and Cricket Victoria for providing free clinics for all of our students prep - 6. The highly engaging sessions have got a lot of our students enjoying cricket. What a great way to finish off our five week units! If your child is interested in playing cricket, please come and see me or email me and I will have some pamphlets / information for you.

mangan.sarahjayne.s@edumail.vic.gov.au
Congratulations to all Year 12 students on the completion of their 2016 exams. Students and staff have been putting in lots of hours preparing for these exams. Flying Start will commence for all students intending to return in 2017 on Tuesday 22nd November and concludes on Friday 9th December for VCE students and Friday 16th December for Years 8-10. Students are required to be in school uniform for all classes during Flying Start. All students intending to return to school in 2017 must attend Flying Start.

LEARNING CURVE NEWSLETTER ARTICLE

ETHICAL LIVING
To quote Howard Gardner from his book Five Minds, “I have nothing against excellence, but at the end of the day, the world doesn’t need more of the brightest and the best, but more of those of good character.” The five minds he goes onto to describe are the creative, the critical, the synthesising, the respectful and the ethical.

For nearly a decade, there has been a relentless pursuit of Literacy and Numeracy. I believe this has led to the neglect in the building our young peoples’ social-emotional resilience, wellbeing fitness and respectful and ethical growth mindsets, which in turn has seen a huge escalation in adolescent mental health issues. The Learning Curve’s focus is on addressing this.

Introducing students to the concept of what living ethically looks like, sounds like and feels like will sow the seeds to strengthen their characters. These include

- acting in ways which they know will benefit their and others’ wellbeing fitness
- making choices based on what their minds tell them is the right thing to for them to do
- not doing something for personal, material or prestige gain
- using their top strengths in their every thought, word and action
- being grateful for good things that happen

“Be a fountain, not a drain” Rex Hudler

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.

Re-Purposing Obsolete Textbooks Year 7-10
Do you have any of these old maths textbooks lying around? They have been out of print for over two years and we are now using a new edition which all students have had this year.

We are exploring ways that we can save families money in the future (2018 and beyond) by re-using textbooks, even ones no longer in print. If you have any copies of these – or even older or newer ones – that you would be willing to donate to the school, it will help us set up a new scheme where families are no longer required to buy new maths books every year. We believe it will work if we have the support of the school community and are asking you to help us.

If you have any of these, please leave them at the school office. Many thanks,. Lisa Stevens
Year 9 Project Presentations
You’re Invited to the Year 9 Project Class Presentations on Thursday, November 17 from 11.30am-1.30pm.

Our Year 9 Coordinator, Kymberleigh Rowland, will meet you at the main office for guided tours of student projects, including...

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Please come and listen to student presentations and see the work your child has completed this semester, it would be great if you could come for some or all of the time. The presentations will be finished by 1:30pm, we will then walk to the pool for a BBQ and swim from 1:45pm. Students have received permission notes regarding the excursion to the pool.

Please email or phone Vivienne Thomas if you would like to come or if you have any questions. Year 9 are looking forward to sharing their work with you.

Year 7 & 8 Girls Cricket
On the 3rd November we sent three teams of girls to Echuca College for Super 8’s cricket. All of the girls had a ball and overall it was a very enjoyable day, with one of our Year 8 teams winning a 3rd place, Kyabram Derby against St Augustines by one run, our other Year 8 team winning a 5th place play off by over 100 runs, and our Year 7 team finishing 4th!

Hopefully this has helped increase interest in girls’ cricket around the area with plans for a league getting started as early as next year.

COLLEGE NEWS

CANTEEN ROSTER

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DECEMBER

Please note that the last day the Secondary Canteen will be open for the year will be Wednesday 14th December and the Primary Canteen will be Friday 16th December.

Excellence Through Opportunity
Uniform Shop

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

If your child has outgrown any of their uniform items or is leaving the school, you may choose to donate the uniform to the Parents’ Club. Money raised by the Parents’ Club is used in the school to improve facilities and support programs. We hope the uniform shop will be a source of funds for them to continue their invaluable work in our school.

For anyone interested in coming to have a look at what is available, the uniform shop will be open each Friday from 8:45 to 9:15am in the Primary Campus Office.

Urgent Accommodation Required

The school has a boy on exchange in Year 10, Antoine Damand. Antoine is in urgent need of finding alternative accommodation before the 25th November due to his host family going overseas and being unable to have him back upon their return. Antoine is on exchange until April next year and is desperate to stay in Kyabram and have asked if the school can assist in trying to find him someone to stay with. This would be voluntary as Southern Cross Exchange do not pay families for taking students in. You would need to cover food and board; any spending money etc. Antoine’s family provides.

Antoine is outgoing and lovely, very helpful and again, desperate to stay in Kyabram.

Please speak with Angie Heale, Louise Mellington or Danny Walsh if you are able to assist, or know of someone that can.

Wellbeing Corner

Barb Buckell & Bron Lolicato

Earning the right and not assuming a sense of entitlement is a life lesson parents, teachers and coaches must instil in children.

Just as we teach children social skills for real life, there are important social skills for the digital world. As they travel through new social situations, including online, it is imperative that parents teach children to follow a few basic rules.

To log in and read more please visit parentingideasschools.com.au
Username: kyabram12
Password: 3619

TEEN COOPERATION - VIDEO FOR PARENTS

Some practical advice for how parents can get cooperation from their teenager whilst still allowing them to feel in control. A must-watch video for parents!
Visit: http://www.mdwdhosting.com
Remembrance Day

On Friday November 11th, Prep to Year 10 students and staff gathered on the lawn in front of the Kyabram P-12 College Prep –1 Building to take part in our Remembrance Day Ceremony. The Primary choir sang the national anthem and Cadet Kate Sherwood raised the flag. The primary captains spoke to the students about the history of Remembrance Day and the significance of planting a Gallipoli Oak tree. Retired Army Veteran Shaune Clancy and Primary Captain A R Tesoro planted the Gallipoli Oak Tree to commemorate this years ceremony.
COMMUNITY MATTERS

Guerrilla Tactics for Parents
with psychologist Andrew Fuller

Do you have children?
Join us for this opportunity not to be missed!

Interreach is bringing renowned clinical psychologist, Andrew Fuller, to Moama to talk to parents about Guerrilla Tactics for Parents. Effective parenting involves cunning strategies and at times some wild moves. This talk incorporates strategies employed effectively by thousands of families. This talk has been described as having more hips than an entire racing carnival.

Andrew Fuller is the author of Tricky Kids – Raising Real People, Unlocking your child’s genius and Sending Outlaws. He works in Australia and internationally, specialising in the wellbeing of young people and their families.

When: Monday 21st November 2016 7pm
Where: Moama Anglican Grammar School, Moama
Bookings: MARGS - 03 5480 5900
Need more info? 03 5480 5200
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www.interreach.com.au

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• How much do I need to tell them?
• At what age should I discuss these topics?

"Vanessa’s presentation is probably one of the best parenting sessions I’ve ever attended. Honest, engaging, knowledge, fantastic. Thank you."

Primary School Parent Meet 2016

Wednesday
23rd Nov 2016
7.00pm - 8.30pm
Kynabra College

Where: Prep - 2 Community Building
Kynabra P-12 College, Rookbaro St, Kyabram
Who: All interested Parents and Carers in the local community are welcome. (Not suitable for children to attend)
Cost: Free event
RSVP: For free event please contact E: kynabra.p12@dvaculca.vic.gov.au

Presented by Vanessa Hamilton
20 years experience as a Sexual Health Nurse & Educator and Member of Board

SENIOR WOMEN’S AFL FOOTBALL
A new local team in 2017
ARE YOU INTERESTED?

Find out more at the "Information Session"
Sunday - November 27 at 1.00 pm
Echuca Football Netball Club Social Rooms,
Victoria Park Oval, Crofton St, Echuca

The new Women’s Football League will include teams from Bendigo, Shepparton & surrounding towns.

Interested players, family, coaches, trainers & support staff are invited to attend

Further Details: Peter Young 0497 436 634
Brett Stevens 0419 886 533 / tenniier@bigpond.com.au

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