Dear Parents and Friends,

Family Christmas Night

Don’t forget our Family Christmas Night is on tomorrow night starting at 5:30pm. There will be stalls set up to buy tea, drinks and then we will hold our annual hamper auction. And a visit from Santa!!

Volunteers’ Morning Tea

We are extremely fortunate to have such a supportive community willing to help out in so many ways. We will be holding a ‘Volunteers’ Morning Tea’ on Friday 9th December in the P-2 Community Building at 11:00am. If you have assisted in any way this year we would love you to join the staff to celebrate another very successful year.

Flying Start

Last week the secondary campus commenced its “Flying Start” program and once again it has been a great success. The program provides students with an opportunity to meet most of their 2017 teachers and get well underway for next year’s studies. For our VCE students this time is very valuable and while study isn’t always on the agenda in January, work started in Flying Start can be completed over the holidays in preparation for next year’s program. Any extra preparation, the reading of novels or research undertaken, will all help lessen the end of year pressures. Our Flying Start program finishes on Friday 9th for the VCE students of 2017 but other levels (2016-8, 9 & 10) continue in the program until Friday 16th December. The last week of school will see activities organised for students and the last day for students will be Monday 19th December. At our primary school campus, classes will also run until the Monday 19th December. Students will be dismissed at 1:30pm on the last day.

Orientation Day

This year’s state-wide Orientation Day will be on the Tuesday 6th December. Across the state students in Kindergarten through to Year 6 move into their next year level for part of the day, or in the Year 6 students’ case at Kyabram P-12, three days. Students in Prep to Year 5 will move into their new classes from 9:30am to 1:30pm. This is an opportunity to meet their new teacher and became familiar with their new area in the school.
The College always looks forward to meeting our new students as part of the Year 6 to Year 7 transition program. Orientation Day is often a day of mixed emotions for Year 6 students; whilst excited about the thought of entering the College (senior school for Kyabram P-12 students), most are uncertain on how this transition will take place. Over the last 12 months Kyabram P-12 College and its partner primary schools have worked hard at reducing this uncertainty for students of moving from primary to secondary schooling. Many of the Year 6 students have visited the College already this year as part of the familiarisation program and, as a consequence, we are looking forward to a smooth transition. Enrolments for 2017, at all year levels, are still open so if families have not enrolled as yet please contact the general office at Kyabram P-12 College on 5851 2100.

**Graduation Ball**

Last Friday week ago the Graduation Ball was a fitting celebration to the end of secondary schooling for the Year 12 students, Class of 2016!! It was a terrific time to acknowledge the students for their contribution to Kyabram P-12 College. It was also an opportunity to thank especially the parents who have their last child at our school for the contribution they have made to the College. All students were provided with a certificate of recognition.

Thank you to the College Captains Brody Mulcahey and Stephanie Denham and also the Vice Captains Lauren Kightly and Bim Sherwood for their work as school captains in 2016, you have done a fantastic job. Thank you to Louise Mellington and Dianne Robilliard for their work in organising the Graduation Ball and to everyone that assisted in setting up and supporting the night. I would like to wish the students in Year 12 all the best with their exam results.

**Cyberbullying**

In all classes from years 7-9 staff are conducting a three week program on Cyberbullying. This week I sat in on a Year 9 class discussing Bullying and how different types of bullying impact on people. This was a fantastic lesson that the teacher involved the students in deep discussion and the students were fully engaged and contributing with enthusiasm. It was great to see the interaction between the staff member and the students. These sorts of discussions will be important as we address the important aspect on Cyberbullying and bullying in general.

Our society needs to take responsibility for the rubbish that is put on social media like facebook, because some things are just down right hurtful and people don’t realise the impact that comments have on others. We are educating our young people at Kyabram P-12 College so that we can stop the put downs, that lead in to bullying types of behavior. We are going to encourage our community to have a conversation with the person face to face and work through the issues rather than plastering their thoughts for all to see. The results of the program will be positive and I look forward to the students in our school leading the way in our community.

*Stuart Bott*
*College Principal*
◊ 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.  
Visit www.kyabram-12.vic.edu.au or call in at the College Office for a position description.  
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 on the 14th December.  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  
END OF YEAR ARRANGEMENTS  
Students will be dismissed at 1:30pm on Monday 19th December.  Tuesday 20th December will be a pupil free day.  

CHRISTMAS FAMILY NIGHT  
Our Christmas Family Night is on this Thursday, 1st December starting at 5:30pm.  Our hard working Parents’ Club having been working hard to organise food stalls, hamper auctions, snow cones and face painting – among other things.  I hope to see you all there.
SCHOOL REVIEW – PARENT FEEDBACK
Thank you to the parents and community members who made themselves available to speak to the Review Team on Monday. Your feedback and thoughts were greatly appreciated.

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.

YEAR 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.

PLANNING WEEK
Next week is planning week. This means your child’s teacher will be out of the room for a full day while the class attends specialist sessions rather than having these session spread throughout the week. This allows the teaching teams to come together and spend time reflecting and evaluating Term 4 and making plans for Term 1 with the implementation of the new Victorian Curriculum.

Monday 5th – Prep /1
Tuesday 6th – Specialist
Wednesday 7th – 5/6 Team
Thursday 8th – 3/4 Team
Friday 9th – Year 2

P-6 Awards

Congratulations to this week’s award winners and students who organised the recent Remembrance Ceremony and planting of the oak tree.

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.

Prep News
As the conclusion of the year nears, the Prep team would like to congratulate all of our students on a wonderful term! Throughout this term our students have enjoyed swimming and gym lessons at Infinity High Performance, Mlio Cricket Clinics with Liam, and the annual Tabloid Sports at Stanhope Primary School. This week we were fortunate to have Stacey give a presentation about being responsible pet owners, with her Staffy named Spice. On Thursday we look forward to seeing the families of our Prep students enjoying our College’s Christmas Party. Later in the term we are excited about our end of year Pool Party.
Year 2 News

Although the weather was uncooperative for our swimming program, some juggling of venues enabled the grade 2 students to enjoy a valuable series of lessons on swimming and water safety last week. A most important fact learned was that you should not jump into water to rescue someone in trouble, as it’s likely you’ll end up in danger yourself; instead you should try to reach the person with a rope or stick, or throw them something that will help them float. Thank you to parents who helped us with supervision of this program.

This week we have begun our final integrated studies unit for the year, on Light and Sound. The overlying understanding is “Light and sound are produced by a range of sources and can be sensed.” We will be looking, listening and thinking about where light and sound comes from.

Library borrowing has now finished for the year and all books need to be returned in your child’s next library session please. If they forget, books can be returned through the chute on any day.

Year 3/4 News

Year 3 and 4 students are gearing up for the exhibition afternoon of their SIMPLE MACHINES unit on Wednesday, December 14th. Parents are invited to come to the quadrangle rooms at any time between 2:30pm and 4:00pm to view the students’ work. The children have been completing models of simple machines, posters and other presentations that show their learning, finding and practising some computer games of simple machines and completing quizzes. We hope that many parents will be able to join their children in exploring some of the wonderful work done during the term.

We would like to send a reminder to all students and parents that library books are due back as soon as possible, with borrowing now suspended and all books due back. Children will be notified if they have overdue books; if your child has any outstanding books, please assist with the book hunt! We were pleased last week to have a previously lost book returned after it had been missing for over a year! We are pleased to get books back whenever they are found.

7-12 Principal Report

Danny Walsh

WHO TO CONTACT

For 2017, we have a number of new year level coordinators and assistants. These staff have begun in their new role as of the beginning of Flying Start. Year 9 coordinators are Ms Jane Kightly and Ms Katharine Corrin for the remainder of 2016 as Mr Jarrod Walker begins in 2017.

Learning Community Leader Years 7/8 – Mrs Vivienne Thomas
Year 7 Coordinator – Ms Lainie Lockwood and Mrs Leonie Harding
Year 8 Coordinator – Ms Renee Howell and Ms Caitlin Powell
Year 9 Coordinator – Mr Jarrod Walker and Mrs Katharine Corrin
Learning Community Leader Years 10-12 – Mrs Louise Mellington
Year 10 Coordinator – Ms Sonia Layton and Mr Mark Ogden
Year 11 Coordinator – Ms Angela Heale
Year 12 Coordinator – Ms Dianne Robilliard

If you have any questions or queries throughout the year, please do not hesitate to contact any of the above staff or myself at the College.

FLYING START

Next Friday 9th December, our Year 11 and 12 students for 2017 will finish their Flying Start program. Students are finding their classes very beneficial, giving them a real insight of the expectations and what’s required to succeed in Senior years. Other students in Years 8, 9 and 10 have another week and finish their Flying Start on Friday 16th December.

GRADUATION BALL

On Friday 18th November, we had our annual Graduation Ball for the Year 12 Class of 2016 at the Moama Bowling Club. The night began with a number of speeches including our College Principal Mr Stuart Bott. The students were then presented with their Graduation certificate. Once the formalities were out of the way, a DJ entertained the crowd. A huge thank you to Dianne Robilliard and Louise Mellington in organising such a great night for all.
LEARNING CURVE NEWSLETTER ARTICLE

EMOTIONAL WELLBEING/BOOSTING WELLBEING
The World Health Organisation predicts depression will be the world’s number one health issue by 2030. One in four young people will experience emotional health issues. The adolescent mind is often a turbulent place, balancing the demands of family and friends, coping with pressures of school, dealing with puberty and living up to the expectations they have of themselves. Supporting teenagers to maintain a healthy emotional functioning level and not let their worries escalate into more serious emotional wellbeing issues is an ongoing challenge for all parents and teachers.

Unfortunately in today’s society, we spend much of our time pulling teenagers out of the river after they have fallen in. A far more proactive approach is for us to walk upstream and stop them falling in the river in the first place. The time to fix the roof is when the sun is shining, not when it begins to rain. It is very difficult to initiate positive dialogue with students who are already suffering from emotional health issues.

The goal is to empower students to build their sense of emotional wellbeing through using their signature strengths and growth mindsets. Every day they can add to their wellbeing banks by looking for what is right and having positive experiences. There are many organisations set up to support people who suffer from these issues. They do a wonderful job assisting people to regain their normal functioning levels. This week students will be investigating some of them to provide insights on emotional illness and the associated warning signs. Open and trusting communication lines between students, parents and teachers enable opportunities for proactive programs to be put in place to future proof their emotional wellbeing.

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.

Year 7 Cricket Regional Finals
On Wednesday, 16th November we sent a group of nine Year 7 Boys to Melton to participate in the Regional Super 8’s finals, with a chance to play at the MCG up for grabs for the winning team. Our boys competed valiantly all day, losing our first game by 30 runs, winning the second game by 5 runs and losing our last game by 15 runs. A few dropped catches and late wickets proved costly, however the boys represented our school brilliantly, a great example of playing within the spirit of cricket and abiding by the school values.

COLLEGE NEWS

CANTEEN ROSTER

PRIMARY CAMPUS

DECEMBER

| Mon 5       | Megan Brennan |
| Tue 6      | Anna Hooper   |
| Wed 7      | Raelene Lewis |
| Thur 8     | Jenni Turner  |
| Fri 9      | Help Please   |

| Mon 12     | Megan Brennan |
| Tue 13     | Merrilyn Davies|
| Wed 14     | Fiona Barnett |
| Thur 15    | Kathy Rathbone|
| Fri 16     | Help Please   |

SECONDARY CAMPUS

DECEMBER

| Mon 5       | Megan Brennan | Help Please |
| Tue 6      | Help Please   | Help Please |
| Wed 7      | Janene McCague| Help Please |
| Thur 8     | Help Please   | Terrie-Anne Coburn |
| Fri 9      | Help Please   | Help Please |

| Mon 12     | Help Please   | Help Please |
| Tue 13     | Help Please   | Help Please |
| Wed 14     | Help Please   | Help Please |
| Thur 15    | Help Please   | Help Please |
| Fri 16     | Help Please   | Help Please |

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.
AWARDS NIGHT 2016 –
two celebrations this year!

Trish Bradley

In 2016 it has been decided that, as we have returned to a primary/secondary structure rather than three villages, our awards night celebrations will also be separated.

Our annual Awards Night for Years 7-11 will take place on Thursday, 15th December at the Walter A Kuhne Hall at the secondary campus, starting at 7.00pm.

If you receive an invitation to attend we ask that you arrive by 6.45pm and move into your designated seats. Awardees will sit, in order of presentation on stage, near the front of the auditorium. Parents and family members may sit anywhere behind the front block of seats.

Students will also be required for a rehearsal at the hall on Thursday morning, 15th December. We will meet at the hall at 9.15am for a full walk-through on the stage so that students are comfortable with their entry onto the stage and know where to exit and where to be seated.

Recipients of awards are required to attend Awards Night in school uniform, including correct shoes. Students not in full uniform will be unable to accept their award on stage. Year 12 students should wear smart casual or semi-formal attire.

We hope you will be able to attend to share in the evening’s excitement. Our sponsors are very generous with their time and money, and we anticipate that students will demonstrate the school values of respect, responsibility and community as they make a commitment to attend this evening. We expect all awardees to be in attendance to receive their awards.

Please notify the school on 5851 2100 by Friday 9th December if your child cannot attend on the night due to a prior engagement and on Thursday 15th December if illness prevents his/her attendance. In that way we can notify the sponsors and the Master of Ceremonies, who will have time to adjust their presentations and speeches.

Our Grade 6 Awards Ceremony will take place on Friday, 16th December, in the college hall, at 1.30pm, followed by an afternoon tea for students and parents/carers. Family and friends are cordially invited to attend and we respectfully request that you are to be seated by 1.20pm. Grade 5/6 students will be in attendance and will be seated near the front of the auditorium. Full school uniform is expected to be worn. Students will also be provided with a rehearsal on the Friday morning.

Thank you – we look forward to a wonderful time of celebration over these two days and hope that you might be there to share it with us.

Channels – Semester Two Reporting

As the year comes to a close, teachers are finalising the formal reporting process for your children. Reports for students in Year 7-11 will be available on Compass at the end of the school day on Monday, 12th December. For students in Prep to Year Six, reports will be available on Compass at the end of the school day on Thursday, 15th December.

We hope you have taken advantage of our new continuous reporting process and accessed feedback about your child’s progress through the Learning Tasks that will have become available on Compass from time to time. This feedback will now form part of the formal end of semester report, giving you a complete picture of their progress at school in Semester Two.

It is easy to access your child’s report by simply logging onto the Compass portal – reports can be accessed through parent and student logins.

If you need help accessing your child’s report, please contact the administration office on 5851 2100. The administration staff can help you to log on to Compass through any device with connection to the internet to access your child’s report. If you do not have internet access, please contact the administration office to discuss options for accessing your child’s report.

Student reports are kept on Compass, so you can access these at any time in the future if you need to.
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.

Library
Cheryl Child and Jen Sargant
After Friday 2nd December all students will need to begin returning all borrowings from the library. Please check with your child as to what they have and assist them with this. Your child’s classroom teacher will also have a current list. The library is a valuable resource for our college so it is important to have all items returned ready for the new year.

Visit From Cartoonist
Caitlin Powell
On November 22nd we were lucky enough to have Brett Cardwell visit us in the secondary and primary school. Brett Cardwell is a cartoonist and animator who owns a company called ‘Cardytoons’. Brett did presentations to the VCE visual communications class, year 9 and 10 art and a cartoon workshop with year 5/6A. Brett’s visit was organised by Liz Spicer through her chaplaincy program and made possible by the generous donation from a caring member from our community. Brett captivated the senior classes with his lessons on digital cartooning and animating using a computer drawing tablet. The year 5/6 classes were treated to a lesson on cartooning and watched Brett draw a perfect caricature of Mr Ross! Thank you to Liz Spicer, the chaplaincy committee and the generous donor from our Kyabram community for this extra special experience.

TWILIGHT CONCERT NIGHT
Kyabram P-12 College Administration Gardens
Wednesday 7th December - 6.00pm – 8.30pm
FREE BBQ, Drinks, Face painting!
BYO Rugs & Chairs

Featuring - Our Primary Singers, Recorder Players (Ms Meeking), Violin Players (Mr Read)
Instrumental Music Band (Mr Arnold & Mr Morrison).
And also featuring the talents of Our Secondary students.
Wellbeing Corner
Barb Buckell & Bron Lolicato

WELCOME TO THE PARENTEING IDEAS SCHOOLS COMMUNITY!

Here’s to happy holidays!
Enjoy your reading and the offer of a parenting webinar!

This week’s articles give parents practical tips for students finishing up at school and making the transition to secondary school, and discuss how to approach the holiday season, a time that can often be stressful. As parents consider the (daunting) prospect of keeping children occupied for up to six weeks, I’ve outlined five ways to help reduce the tension and make the holidays enjoyable and fruitful for all.

Please log on to www.parentingideasschools.com.au for these great ideas.
Your username and password are:
Username: kyabramp12
Password: 3619

SCHOOL NURSE CORNER

Anaphylaxis and Asthma

As part of the DE&T guidelines for Anaphylaxis in Schools, we are required to have Anaphylaxis Action Plan signed by your GP if your child has an autoinjector (EpiPen). It is also the responsibility of the parent to supply the school with an EpiPen which will be kept in a safe and accessible place at school. The Asthma Plan must be renewed annually and the Anaphylaxis Plan every 12-18 months.

Check out the Transitioning to School with Food Allergy video which you can access from www.allergyfacts.org.au
This video explains what responsibilities parents and the school have.

I will be contacting parents in regards to your child/ren who require an EpiPen to complete an Individual Anaphylaxis Management Plan and an Allergy Management Plan in Term 1 2017.
The same for students who have asthma. As we are an Asthma Friendly School, we are required to follow the guidelines stipulated by DE&T.

There is an Asthma care plan which again needs to be signed by your medical practitioner and returned to school on the first day of Term1 2017. This has been updated and is a requirement by DE&T.

The guidelines for Anaphylaxis in Schools and Asthma Friendly Schools can be downloaded from the DE&T website.

If your child no longer has asthma, we will require a written and signed letter stating that your child no longer has asthma, the same for anaphylaxis and allergy conditions.

If you require further information or you require the Asthma, Anaphylaxis or Allergy Action Plan Forms, please contact Leanne at Kyabram P-12 College on 5851 2100.
COMMUNITY MATTERS

2016 Track Season

Racing | Tuesdays
Warm up from 5.45pm

Training | Wednesdays
From 6pm

Bike Hire: $5.00
Race levy - Junior/Senior: $5.00
Novice: $3.00

Canteen Available

Contact EMCC for more information
info@echucaclimbingclub.com.au

or check out the website:
www.echucaclimbingclub.com.au

Cycling Victoria Licence required: see
www.cyclingaustralia.com.au for more information

Road Training Monday Evenings, Other Track training Thursdays
Watch Facebook for updates and latest News

Kyabram Knights Schools Soccer Club
SUMMER SOCCER

Kyabram Knights will be running social soccer on Tuesday evenings during December and January for students who would like to keep up their fitness during the school holidays.

Girls and Boys from Grade 5 upwards are invited to attend.
We encourage any new, existing or past players who may be interested in playing U12 or U15 soccer in the 2017 season to come along.

The first session will be on Tuesday 6th December.
We will break for a few weeks over the Christmas New Year period.
This is a social activity and there is no obligation to attend every session.
Please contact Ang Pulsoni on 0417 549 820 or email Kyabram Knights at kyknightssoccerclub@gmail.com for further details.