Dear Parents and Friends,

**CONDOLENCES**

This has been a very sad week for two current families in our school. It is with deepest sympathy that I pass on my sincere condolences to both these families.

I would like to express my condolences on behalf of the Kyabram P-12 College community to Heather (our primary canteen manager) and Ken McLennan on the death of their son, Adam, who passed away from a motor bike accident on the weekend.

I would also like to express my condolences on behalf of the Kyabram P-12 College community to Dianne Northausen and family, former members of the Kyabram P-12 College community on the death of their husband / father, Geoff, who passed away earlier this week.

As a school we have been in touch with both families and offered our support at this very sad time.

**P-12 COLLEGE VOLUNTEER’S MORNING TEA**

Thank you to all the volunteers who have helped out at Kyabram P-12 College this year - from helping in the classroom, Parents’ Club, College Council, in the canteen, with excursions or other school events and activities. We are all fortunate to have your extra support. The students enjoy the special part you play in their schooling and I know that our classroom programs run more efficiently with your support. To express our thanks we held a volunteers’ morning tea last Friday.

**VCE RESULTS**

Final 2016 results were made available on Tuesday this week to all students doing a Year 12 subject. Congratulations to Mitch McCague who was Dux of the school and Bim Sherwood who was runner up. Also congratulations to all the students who worked hard to receive the results they did. To those students who didn’t receive the ATAR or result they needed to get in to their preferred course please contact the school if you require assistance.

**END OF SCHOOL YEAR**

I would like to clarify the arrangements for the end of the school year. All students will be dismissed on Monday December 19th at 1:30pm.
For those families who like to plan well ahead here are important dates for 2017.
Monday 30th January - PUPIL FREE (Staff professional development)
Tuesday 31st January - all students commence school
2017 Preps have the following Wednesdays off: 1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd February.

2017 SCHOOL TERM DATES
Term 1: 30th January (school teachers start) to 31st March
Term 2: 18th April (Tuesday) to 30th June
Term 3: 17th July to 22nd September
Term 4: 9th October to 22nd December

REPORTS
Reports for all students will be available on the Compass. Please access these via the portal using your username and password.

We have a number of staff leaving our College and I would like to acknowledge and thank them for their contribution. Again, I congratulate everyone on a successful year and wish the school community a safe and happy Christmas, and New Year. We look forward to 2017 where again we can work together to provide opportunities to achieve excellence.

Stuart Bott
College Principal

Business Manager’s Report
Jan Prior

AFTER SCHOOL CARE PROGRAM 2016
The After School Care children have been busy over recent weeks making Christmas decorations and other crafty items. Thank you to our Team, Tania Chiswell, Natasha Harney and Rose Dolcetta for all of their work and fun with the children in 2016.
Our After School Care Program will continue from the first day back to school, Tuesday January 31st and the program will operate daily from 3:20 pm to 5:45 pm. We provide children with a nutritious afternoon tea each day which is both tasty and healthy and we offer a range of games and activities that are fun and educational.
Bookings are essential and the direct phone number for the program is 0458 327 041.

TRAINEES 2016
I would like to thank our 2016 Trainees who will be leaving us at the end of this year. Greg Dunn has seen a busy year with his work in the College productions in both the primary and secondary campuses. Michael Archer has also been a great support to the Sports program across the College, and his organisation skills have been fantastic. Our new position for 2016 saw Shannon Ryan as our first Horticulture Trainee. Shannon has been of great support to our handyman Darryle Hangan and the grounds have never looked better. David O’Brien has been in the ICT Trainee role for two years and has now been successful in this role as a staff member. We wish all of our Trainees good luck for the future and we look forward to hearing their stories and catching up with them in the years to come.

TRAINEES 2017
In 2017 the College will have three trainees. Congratulations to Liam Nedelkovich who will be taking up the Sports position; Zac Warde who will be our Agriculture and Horticulture Trainee and Courtney Parsell who will be the Performing Arts Trainee.

OFFICE HOURS
During the Christmas Vacation period the College Office will be closed and will re-open from Tuesday January 24th. For any urgent matters please call 0418 685 046 and your call will be directed to the appropriate person.

I would like to wish our families a Merry Christmas and a safe and relaxing break. We look forward to seeing you in 2017.
Well, we have come to the last newsletter of the 2016 school year. Thank you to everyone in the school community for your ongoing support of Kyabram P-12 College. We are very fortunate to have such a wonderful school community and the children definitely benefit from the positive parent and teacher relationships that we have at the school.

GRADE STRUCTURE 2017

After careful consideration and discussion the following class structure and teachers have been decided for 2017. Some teachers will be full-time and some will share classes.

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| 3 x Prep classes | Aleesha Whitley  
                      Breanna Hawken / Kellie Brennan  
                      Morgan Campbell |
| 3 x Year 1 classes | Andrew Nilbett  
                      Suzanne Hool  
                      Emma Parkinson |
| 3 x Year 2 classes | Trish Robbers  
                      Claudia Green  
                      Trish Bradley / Melissa Porch |
| 5 x Year 3/4 classes | Alice Tindale / Daryll Wegmann  
                       Dylan Nexhip  
                       Benita Chard / Ange Acocks  
                       Jerrod Davison  
                       Chris Oxford / Shelley Leahy |
| 5 x Year 5/6 classes | Greg Ross  
                       Linda Clapp / Abby Pay  
                       Claire Bourke  
                       Tom Mangan  
                       Gina Pearson / Lisa Booth |

Specialists
- Belinda Goff
- Sue Meeking
- Kate Baldwin
- Barb Buckell
- Sarah Mangan
- Janine McAuliffe

ORIENTATION DAY

Thank you to all members of our school community for such a wonderful orientation day last Tuesday. All classes were settled with all staff and students excited about their new classes for 2017. Thank you also to the parents who provided feedback on our class structure suggestions and helped us decide on the direction we should take. It is great to have this input from our school community as it shows that ideas and opinions of all school community members are valued and taken into consideration.

STAFF FAREWELLS

We have a number of staff who have gained teaching positions in other primary schools for 2017 – Emily Edgar, Justin Canny and Jennifer Weaver. On behalf of the school community I would like to take this opportunity to thank each of you for your contribution to our school and wish you the very best for your future both personally and professionally.

LOST PROPERTY

If you are missing or having trouble locating uniform items or lunch boxes/drink bottles please check if it has been handed to Judy at the office or check the Lost Property corner in the Quadrangle. If not collected these items will be given to charity in the holidays.

YEAR 6

Congratulations to the graduating class of 2016. We wish you all the very best for the next step in your learning journey.

To all families and friends of Kyabram P-12 College, have a wonderful Festive Season, stay safe and make sure you take that all important time for yourself and to enjoy your family. We look forward to seeing everyone back here on Tuesday 31st January for another exciting year.
P-6 Awards

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

Bookclub / Bookfair
Cheryl and Anna

This is a thank you to all who have supported the Bookclub and Bookfair this year. A total of approximately $2500 worth of books have been received for the college library. This is a tremendous effort. In saying this, we hope that everyone has enjoyed the books/gifts that they have received.

We wish you a happy and safe Christmas with lots of reading to relax and refresh. We look forward to your support again in 2017.

Sport
GOLF

Congratulations to the three students that represented our College at State Golf on 30th November. Olivia and Josh Cartwright as well as Riley Locke competed in Melbourne and did a fantastic job.

BASKETBALL

Thanks to Michael from Kyabram Basketball who ran a free clinic for our Year 1/2 students. What a great introduction into basketball.

At the moment Kyabram Basketball run Year 3-4, 5-6 and Years 7-9 programs, and hopefully next year for Years 1-2. If you are interested please contact Michael. Term 1 training begins on Friday, February 17th. Sessions will run for 40 minutes.

Thanks for a great year, wishing you all a happy and safe holidays.
On Tuesday last week, 97 Year 6 students began their Year 7 Flying Start program. Students from Girgarre, Tongala, Lancaster, Tatura, Merrigum, Undera and Kyabram were very excited and keen to see what secondary school had to offer. After a brief assembly, students followed a timetable of a typical Year 7 student which included subjects such as Physical Education, Maths, English, Humanities, LOTE and Technology. After talking to a number of students it is apparent they cannot wait until 2017 to begin Year 7. Thank you to Lainie Lockwood, Leonie Harding and Viv Thomas for all your work in making it such a smooth transition into Year 7 for these students.

THANK YOU

I would also like to personally and wholeheartedly thank all parents, guardians and families for their amazing support throughout 2016. We value the partnerships we have built together during the year and this support makes our role much more enjoyable and effective. The more we work together, the greater the benefit to our students.

YARD MAINTENANCE WORK

Over the holidays 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. A number of maintenance jobs such as, brushcutting, weeding and general yard clean up will need to be completed over the holidays.

Writing Competition

Students in the Shire of Campaspe were invited to submit entries into a writing competition, titled “What’s Different about You?”. All our students from Year 7 to Year 9 wrote on this topic as part of their Big Write program. We are pleased to announce that the following students received Honourable Mentions in this competition:

- Sharmayne John
- Jamie Childs
- Rochelle Esperon
- Jervaius Lapworth
- Courtney Smith

They have been recognised with a $50 cheque and an award certificate. All other students who submitted work have received a certificate and a Subway voucher. Well done to all these students and thank you for your continued contributions to positive writing in our school.

COLLEGE NEWS

iPad Prize

Kyabram P-12 College Council would like to congratulate the Shaw and Hocking families for being drawn as the winners of a mini-iPad which was for finalising payment of their 2016 Materials and Resources Costs by the end of November.
The 2016 Churinga is now available to be collected by families who have pre ordered their copy. The word ‘Churinga’ is an Aboriginal word meaning ‘A sacred object.’ Our Churinga is the Kyabram P-12 College’s school magazine which showcases our students from Prep to Year 12. It contains photos and stories of school events such as athletics days, swimming sports, excursions and also a photo of each class. It is a great momento for your family to have, and in years to come look back and reflect on time spent at Kyabram P-12 College.

Primary Singers at Kyabram Carols by Candlelight
Memorial Gardens, Kyabram next Thursday, December 22nd
Arrive at: 8:15 pm to meet Mrs Meeking behind stage.
Please be collected immediately after we sing (approximately: 8:45 pm)
We will be singing some of the carols as part of this special town event.
Enquiries: Sue Meeking 0417 721 624

Instrumental Music 2017
Primary students wishing to learn an instrument through our expert Kyabram P – 12 College program need to fill in an ‘expression of interest’ form. These forms were sent home this week with each child explaining which age groups receive which musical opportunities. Some instruments are free to learn in ‘come try’ groups. Others incur a very fair fee.
Please return this form before school finishes this term.
Enquiries to Sue Meeking. meeking.susan.a@edumail.vic.gov.au

Fifteen Years of Chaplaincy
This year we celebrated fifteen years of Chaplaincy in our college. There have been many highlights:
- ‘Values for Life’ programs
- Anti-bullying activities
- Wednesday morning pancakes
- The Honourable John Anderson, guest speaker for the Chaplaincy Dinner
- Coffee/hot chocolate van for Year 12s
- Visiting cartoonist Brett Cardwell
- Year 12 morning tea
But it is the everyday support that makes a difference. Thank you to Liz for her work as Chaplain and thank you to those who support the program. The donations, vouchers, food and clothing have been a blessing to many. This cooperation between school and community is one of the strengths of our Chaplaincy program.
Thank you.
Christine Anderson (Secretary – Kyabram P-12 College Access Ministries Chaplaincy Support Group)

Awards Night 2016
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. Year 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.

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**Wellbeing Corner**

**Barb Buckell & Bron Lolicato**

**This will be the last Parenting Ideas for the year- enjoy!**

*It's hard to believe another year is nearly over.*

Thank you for being a part of the Parentingideas Schools community this year. We have had a lot of great article requests and it has been a pleasure talking with many of our members and giving them a personal tour of the website and membership areas.

We already have so much to look forward to next year kicking off with our [Summer School Webinar Series](http://www.parentingideasschools.com.au) in January. Don’t miss the opportunity to register for these 2 great webinars on **Creating your parent engagement plan** and **Create your parent support plan** taking place on January 20th. With 3 hours of professional development with Michael Grose, you are sure to get the year off to a great start!

Have a happy and safe holiday and I look forward to supporting you and your school in 2017.

Kind Regards,

Rebecca McLoughlin
Schools Relationship Manager

Please log on to [www.parentingideasschools.com.au](http://www.parentingideasschools.com.au) for these great ideas.

Your username and password are:
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**Merry Christmas**
**COMMUNITY MATTERS**

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**Summer Reading Club @ your Library**

**Kyabram Library, 19 Lake Rd, KYABRAM**

**Tuesday, 3 January 2017**

**Kyabram Library**
- **2.30 - 3.30pm**: Lego & Board Games
- **Join your friends at the library**

**Kyabram Library**
- **10.30am**: Storytime
- **Enjoy regular storytime with stories, songs and craft.**
- **Pre School**

**Kyabram Library**
- **1.30 - 2.30pm**: National Gallery of Victoria Activity
- **Free craft activity supplied by the National Gallery**
- **Age 4 - 12**

**Kyabram Library**
- **10.30am**: Toddler Rhyme-time
- **Enjoy the regular rhyme-time stories**
- **18mths to 3 years**

**Kyabram Library**
- **2.30 - 3.30pm**: Plasterific
- **Paint a plaster ornament or wall hanging**
- **Fun For All**

**Kyabram Library**
- **2.00 - 3.00pm**: 10+ TechZone
- **Fun with new technology! For those over 10 who love technology**
- **Age 10 plus**

**Kyabram Library**
- **2.30 - 3.30pm**: Celebrating Summer Reading Club Party - Come as your favourite hero or villain (Fancy dress optional)
- **Golden ticket holders only**

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**Invitation to attend**

**MSRF Young Rural Leaders Program**

We are very pleased to invite you to take part in the MSRF Young Rural Leaders Program. The program is a great opportunity to meet new people, learn new skills, be challenged and have some time to relax at a beautiful farm near Ballarat.

The unique six-day residential program is designed for and by young rural Victorians. It aims to build on your existing leadership skills, foster leadership capacity, and build a network of young leaders in rural and regional Victoria.

**Where:**
- Narre warren - a beautiful property between Ballarat and Geelong on 440 Honeysuckle Road, Rd. (Map: https://maps.google.com/?q=440HoneySuckleRoad

**When:**
- Sunday 8 January 4:00pm – Sunday 14 January 2017, 10:00am.

**Who:**
- Great young rural Victorians with leadership ability or potential.

**What:**
- A program that provides opportunities to develop transformational leadership skills; to participate in collaborative learning experiences in a beautiful outdoor setting; to build a strong network of young rural leaders and to develop short and long-term plans for community connections and projects. All costs of meals and accommodation are covered by MSRF and our partner organisations.

Only 28 participants in each program so sign up quickly!

For more information on our program, and to hear perspectives from previous participants see: http://www.msrf.org.au/scholarship-and-program/future-rural-leaders-program

**Next Steps**

To secure your place in the leadership program, please complete the registration form found at: https://msrf.frmstck.com/forms/camp_registration JAN2017

Follow the instructions on the registration page to pay a fully refundable $50.00 deposit to secure your place. The $50.00 is returned at the end of the camp. Please let us know if paying the deposit is a problem.

Remember there are only 28 places and they will be given to the first 28 people to register online and pay their deposit.

If you have any questions about the program please phone or email Judy (judy@msrf.org.au or 03) 37339260.

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**2016 KYABRAM CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT**

**Thursday 22 Dec 2016**

**Gala Night from 6:30pm**

**Carols from 8pm**

**Music • Fun • Carols • Fireworks**

**Venue**

**Memorial Gardens Allan St KYABRAM**

**Contact:** 03 58522 022

Sponsored by Combined Churches of Kyabram & Kyabram Chamber of Commerce

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**Interested in the Defence Force?**

Then Join the Australian Air Force Cadets!

**419 Squadron’s *Open Day***

**Saturday 18 February, 2017**

**0900 hours (9am) – 1500 hours (3pm)**

**110 Sobraon Street Shepparton (Sonne Barracks)**

**BBQ Lunch**

For more information on the Australian Air Force Cadets

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