Dear Parents and Friends,

**Team Approach At Kyabram P-12 College**

We must all remember that the home and school partnership is very important. If we work together we are able to achieve the best possible outcomes for the students at Kyabram P-12 College. Sometimes the school does make mistakes, and I guess this shows we are only human. If we do make a mistake then it is not on purpose and your constructive feedback is greatly appreciated. Let's continue to make the home and school relationship strong as we are only here for one reason - to provide the best possible education setting for the students that attend Kyabram P-12 College.

Parent/student/teacher discussions are coming up towards the end of this term across the school. It is important that all parents/guardians attend these and have an open and honest conversation to ensure we work together for the students' benefit.

**College Council Meeting**

At last week's College Council Meeting the following was discussed:

- Approved the polo top for the Outdoor Education Surf Camp.
- Welcomed the new executive committee members on Parents Club being:
  - President: Amelia Kohn
  - Vice President: Jess O'Neill
  - Secretary: Emma Mongan
  - Treasurer: Judy Ross
- The Safe Schools Coalition and accepted the following motion - "Our College promotes acceptance to all categories of people regardless of sexual orientation, race, religion, or age. The College Council believes they do not need to align themselves to the Safe Schools Coalition to do this."
- A pupil free day for all students on Tuesday December 20 has been approved.

**Enrolments and Programs**

This year we have an enrolment of 972 students from Prep to Year 12, a decrease from the number of students we had in 2015. However we have received a considerable amount of extra funding from the Education Department as part of the Education State Funding. This has allowed us to provide extra programs for students at risk including literacy and numeracy support, coaching for staff and wellbeing support for students across the whole school. We will soon have a number of positions advertised across our college to finalise the use of these funds.
We are also continuing to provide enrichment programs for students who would like to extend themselves. These include public speaking, debating, F1 in Schools Program, productions and concerts, student leadership programs, instrumental music program and so on. Students at Kyabram P-12 College get many varied opportunities to achieve excellence, a real strength of our school. Thank you to the staff that provide all these opportunities.

**CREATING RESPECTFUL AND SAFE SCHOOL COMMUNITIES**

A safe, supportive and inclusive school environment is essential for providing quality learning opportunities for all students. Meaningful and active engagement within and between families is invaluable in boosting a child’s learning and wellbeing. While the majority of parents positively engage with their child’s education and the school community, in some cases, parents’ behaviour is challenging or aggressive.

This challenging or aggressive behavior is unacceptable and will not be tolerated. Staff at Kyabram P-12 College are here to do their very best for the students that attend the college and are prepared to work with the families to get the best outcome for their children.

**PRIVATE PROPERTY AND ACCIDENT INSURANCE**

Private property brought to school by students, staff or visitors is not insured and the Department does not accept any responsibility for any loss or damage.

The Department cannot advise parents/guardians on whether to purchase a student accident policy/ambulance cover, or which policy to purchase. It is recommended that they seek assistance in this matter with their insurance broker or find a suitable personal accident insurer in the Yellow Pages or online.

Personal property is often brought to school by students, staff and visitors. This can include mobile phones, calculators, toys, sporting equipment and cars parked on school premises. As the Department does not hold insurance for personal property brought to schools and has no capacity to pay for any loss or damage to such property students and staff are discouraged from bringing any unnecessary or particularly valuable items to school.

**THE GIFT**

Kyabram P-12 College will be supporting the Kyabram Gift Inc. by holding a Purple Day at School on Wednesday 16th March. Everyone, including staff and students, are asked to wear anything purple on this day and bring a gold coin as a donation supporting Kyabram and district people living with cancer. This is a great cause for our local people so let’s support them.

*Stuart Bott*
*College Principal*

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**College Business Manager’s Report**

*Jan Prior*

**CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND**

Thank you to those families who have completed a Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) application. This program means that students who are eligible will be supported until the end of Year 12.

CSEF will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. The allowance will be paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions, or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:
• $125 for primary school students
• $225 for secondary school students.

Please contact the Office on 5851 2100 for an application form.
This week the College will be sending out family account statements. We have emailed these out today and for those families who do not have an email address, we will be posting these in the mail.

This will mean that families will be able to receive their accounts on a more regular basis and the accounts will be accurate as at the date of sending the email, rather than in the post – which can take several days.

Please check over your statement and call the College Office if you have any queries.

**P-6 Assistant Principal Report**

**Greg Ross**

**PARENT TEACHER STUDENT INTERVIEWS**

You will have access on Compass to be able to book your Parent/Teacher interviews from this Thursday. The interviews are on Thursday 17th and Tuesday 22nd March. Your teacher may need to make different times depending on their own timetable. You will be locked out of booking on Compass the night before to allow teachers time to prepare for the interview.

**NORTH MELBOURNE FC CLINIC**

Some of the Kangaroos players were here to run a clinic on our oval last Tuesday for district school students. This was a real treat for football followers and North Melbourne supporters were especially stoked.

**THE BIG WRITE**

Staff were students for the day last week as they learnt some new strategies for teaching writing and getting your child inspired to write. One strategy was getting students to be involved in games and activities to speak confidently before writing. “If you can say it, you can write it,” was one of the catch cries of the day. You may start to see students writing displayed with all sorts of highlights and marks on it. This is another important strategy in getting children to analyse their own writing and highlight the good points they have included.

**DAVIS CUP TENNIS**

Mrs Sarah Mangan is taking leave from work to work at the Davis Cup this weekend. We wish her well in this experience, and while she may be missing two day’s pay, she will still be helping out the school by collecting some resources for us and making connections with Tennis Australia.

**PHOTO GALLERY**

*Students line up the handball target while other students gather around Lochy*
Grade 2 News

Our students are working well and showing excellent resilience as they learn to meet the higher expectations of grade 2. Teachers have completed the Early Years Numeracy testing and are now analysing the results to ensure lessons are directly targeted to our students’ needs. We have been working on place value and telling time and are now beginning to work on addition and subtraction. Teachers who attended “the Big Write” professional development day last Thursday discovered many new and exciting ways to help our children become better, more engaged writers; strategies from this day are already being used in the classroom and student responses are positive. This week we are having the first of four “Hot Shots” tennis clinics – let's hope the weather is kind to us for these clinics!

Book Club

Cheryl Child and Anna Hooper

Issue 2 of Book Club catalogue will be distributed this week and due back on Tuesday, 8th March. Apologies for the quick turnaround but as this is a short term, we want you to get your orders before the end of term. There are 2 issues per term. Hope you have enjoyed your purchases already and continue to support Book Club.

Grade 5/6 News

The last two weeks have been very busy with Maths Number classes starting on the Monday of last week and continuing on Tuesday and Wednesday in Period 4 each day. Pre-testing of place value concepts has taken place and students are now streamed across five different levels according to the results of this test. Students appear to have settled down with their respective maths teachers and are used to moving around to different classrooms.

The North Melbourne Football players were at school on Tuesday, 23rd February, with a 40 degree day seeing us hit the shade well before lunch for a question and answer session with the players, after completing a clinic of football skills in a series of eight rotational activities. Students from other local primary schools joined us for this fun activity, organised by the AFL, and our PE teachers, so many thanks to them for a most interesting morning.

Last Thursday was a pupil free day for all students from Prep to Years 7. All staff participated in a Writing Education program called The Big Write and VCOP to help develop our skills to teach your children. It focused on the teaching of basic writing techniques with the development of Vocabulary, the use of Connectives and sentence Openers, and correct Punctuation being used in writing.

The 5/6 Canberra Camp expressions of interest notices will be sent home this week so please reply by the due date with a $50 deposit to secure a place. If you feel that you might need some financial assistance please speak to your child’s teacher and check the camp letter for some additional information. The camp will take place in Week 2 of Term 3.

Our volunteers for Meals on Wheels had their first event yesterday and all four students enjoyed the experience. A roster will be drawn up with future dates and will be located on the Southside windows.

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

P-6 Awards
Our student leadership positions have all been determined, and it was very difficult to separate some of the top candidates for School Captains. Thank you to all students who submitted applications and gave us fine presentations as to why they would be suitable for their leadership roles. Badges and certificates will be handed out at the next 5/6 assembly.

Parent/Teacher/Student conferences will begin in two weeks and appointment times are now available on Compass. If you need assistance in setting up an appointment please contact us through a note in your student's diary. This is a great opportunity to meet and talk with your child’s teacher about how their child has started the year, and to discuss their goals, so please make a time for this important event.

We look forward to meeting you.

**Sporting Schools Program**

*Sarah Mangan*

This program will run both in school hours and after school. This term we have:

- **AFL** – Started last night and is running after school on Wednesdays for the remainder of the term
- **Hot Shots** – This is running during school time with David Starling from Kyabram Lawn Tennis Club coming into coach. We will be registering all our Prep – 6 students as Hot Shots and they will all experience some form of the program throughout the year. To register your child we will be using their Date Of Birth and the email address on Compass. If you **DO NOT** wish for your child to be registered please fill in the form that was sent home and return to the office by FRIDAY 4th MARCH.

Thank you for all the support we have had so far with 40+ students registered for AFL. We hope this program will continue to grow with the opportunities we have.

**7-12 Principal Report**

*Danny Walsh*

**LOCKERS FOR SALE**

We have a number of lockers for sale like the one pictured below. If you are interested in buying one or more of these, could you please contact myself (walsh.daniel.m@edumail.vic.gov.au) or Stuart Bott, (Bott.Stuart.SD@edumail.vic.gov.au) at the college by phone or email to make an offer. $100ono.

**LEARNING CURVE PARENT NEWSLETTER ARTICLE**

**Personal Timetable**

**Character Strength:** Self-regulation

Encouraging students to adopt reflective and organised approaches to their planning will cultivate in them independent *can do* and *want to* attitudes called growth mindsets

- personal timetables empower students to be in charge of what they need to do
- they are more mindful of what is happening right now

This self-regulation strength encourages students to take greater ownership of their learning progress

- their Personal Timetable is a **contract with themselves.**
- it will actually provide them with more time for themselves by reducing “nothing time” between activities.

While many students believe they 'have their acts together’ and don’t need to be so structured

- completing a timetable and sticking to it will build their resilience to distractions.
- after living by their timetables for three weeks, they will realise, themselves, how it is making their lives better.

The suggested weekly number of Home Learning/ Study Sessions for each year level is on the sample timetable. Use the teamwork and leadership strengths at home to help students stick to their timetable

- a good strategy is to place a copy on the fridge

“You never find time, you make time.” Saying
YEAR 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.

Danny Walsh
Assistant Principal 7-12

Year 7-9 News
Viv Thomas

Year 7 have recently completed a review about their camp experience. We will be using this information to help us plan for 2017. If you would like to speak with us about the camp and/or have any feedback, please contact Vivienne Thomas.

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

- Learn to play chess, every day in the library
- Board games, every day in the library at lunch
- Lunchtime games in the hall coming soon
- Sign up for this year’s production High School Musical!!

All students have a Planner that can be used to communicate with the school. Students should be recording their Homework in their planner. Please have a look and see how they are going on a regular basis. You can contact teachers directly through Compass. If you need help with this, please contact the College.

Year 11 Outdoor and Environmental Studies Surf Camp
Melissa Clark

The year 11 Outdoor and Environmental Studies class headed down to Torquay on the 24th-26th of February, for their first overnight camp of the year. Students experienced surfing at Torquay’s main surf beach, as well as learning about the history of the surfing capital of Victoria. The surf museum lead them on a tour of the changes in the recreational sport of surfing, specifically focusing on the technology of the surfboard as well as the way we use the coastal environment.

All of the students successfully stood up on the board and it wasn’t long before they were turning and catching bigger waves and riding them into the shore.

They had the opportunity to put their camping skills to the test. The dinner meals they created were outstanding and their organisation skills were exceptional. They had taken every opportunity given and it was a pleasure taking them away to represent our college.

I am very proud of the Year 11 Outdoor and Environmental Studies class, as they held the highest standard of the school values. I would like to thank you all for such a wonderful trip. Thank you to Mr Cowley and Miss Smyth for accompanying me on this trip.
**COLLEGE NEWS**

**CANTEEN**

**PRIMARY CAMPUS**
**FEBRUARY**

| Mon 7 | Vicki Shay       |
| Tue 8 | Merrilyn Davies  |
| Wed 9 | Leonie Moffatt   |
| Thur 10 | Claire Perrella |
| Fri 11 | Heather McLennan |

**SECONDARY CAMPUS**
**FEBRUARY**
**10:30-11:45am 1:00-2:15pm**

| Mon 7 | Kylie Dixon       |
| Tue 8 | Help Please      |
| Wed 9 | Janene McCague   |
| Thur 10 | Narelle Worland |
| Fri 11 | Carolynne Hubble |

| Mon 14 | Labour Day       |
| Tue 15 | Help Please      |
| Wed 16 | Leanne Sloan    |
| Thur 17 | Help Please     |
| Fri 18 | Michelle Collier |

**Kyabram P-12 Chaplaincy**

Liz Spicer

Chaplaincy would like to acknowledge the many people in the community who care for our children through Chaplaincy. This week we have had fruit donated, pears and apples for students through Denis Wood. The local E.F.G. group from the Uniting Church gave substantial vouchers for students for various businesses and provided new underwear and socks as well. We have a big donation from the Baptist church which provides food for children, in the form of vouchers if children have no lunch. Also donated uniforms are available through Chaplains’ office too. Year 12 students are provided with milk etc. for the entire year.

Thank you to all the people concerned and Kyabram community. If anyone wishes to donate or support they can by contacting the chaplain or the college.

On the 18th February a presentation was made to Jordan Howard by a group of business men from the full gospel business group of Melbourne. They support Koori students in their education, financially and pastorally. This presentation included many Shepparton and Mooroopna schools, with their recipients also receiving scholarships. The audience included all the principals from the area and Jenny Houlihan from the Shepparton council, parents and families. A letter from Susanna Sheed, a local politician was read out, and inspiring speeches of encouragement were given by many people; the one which stood out was the one from the pastor, who spoke of thinking big, gave an amusing analogy of an eagle and some chickens and he encouraged students to think like the Eagle and soar. Liz Spicer accepted the cheques on behalf of the principals and the 2016 student, Teagan Kelly, who could not be present.

Kyabram P-12 college is very proud of Jordan and Teagan and we are very grateful for the support from this group for our Koori students.
Chickenpox - Varicella

Chickenpox is an infection caused by the varicella virus. It cannot be treated with antibiotics. Treatment is usually to relieve the symptoms.

- **Signs and symptoms**
  - A mild fever.
  - Feeling tired and irritable.
  - Itching.
  - Rash. The rash usually first appears on the chest, back or face. It then can move to other areas of the body including inside the mouth. At first, the rash looks like small pimples. These later become blisters full of fluid.

- **How is it spread?**
  Chickenpox is highly contagious, which means it is very easy to catch. It can be spread by either having direct contact with the person who has chickenpox, from coughed fluids from their chest or by touching the liquid from the blisters. Children with chickenpox are infectious from one to two days before the rash first appears until the last blisters have dried up.

- **What to expect**
  - The rash usually appears from 10 to 21 days after first being exposed to someone who has chickenpox. This time between exposure to getting the rash is called the 'incubation period'.
  - Children with a severe infection or with underlying serious medical conditions may be given anti-viral medication.
  - Most children with chickenpox are unwell for about five to seven days. Only a few will need to be admitted to hospital.
  - Treatment is about controlling the itching from the rash and other symptoms related to the viral illness. There are many medications and creams that you can buy from your local pharmacy to help with the itching.
  - Chickenpox is a virus and it can not be treated with antibiotics.
  - If your child gets large, sore, red areas around the rash, or becomes more unwell, see your family doctor in case a secondary bacterial infection has developed.

- **Children with chickenpox should not go to school or kindergarten until the last blister has dried.** A dry blister scab is not infectious. You should tell the school if your child gets chickenpox as there may be other children who need to be immunised or treated.

- **Key points to remember**
  - Chickenpox is very easy to catch.
  - Antibiotics will not cure chickenpox.
  - Treatment is usually for the symptoms, such as the rash, not the infection itself.
  - The rash usually starts between 10 to 21 days after the first exposure to chickenpox.
  - Chickenpox is infectious for one to two days before the rash starts until the last blister has dried.

Talk to your family doctor, paediatrician, Maternal and Child Health Nurse or pharmacist.

Developed by the RCH Dept of Infection Control Department and the Emergency Department. First published 2006. Update November 2010.
COMMUNITY MATTERS

Under 12 & 14 REGISTRATION and PIE Night

Kyabram Junior Football Group will hold a registration and training night for the 2016 season for Under 12’s and Under 14’s as follows:

Dates: Wednesday the 9th of March
Time: 4.30 – 5.30pm
Where: Under 12’s Kyabram P-12 Haslem campus oval
Under 14’s Kyabram P-12 Fisher campus oval

2016 Coaches: Scott Fleming U12, Rod O’Neill and Paul Bumett U14

Please feel welcome to come along whether you are a new or previous player. Please contact Kristy Williams (Secretary) on 0417 399 512 or kristy@kristyhunterconsulting.com.au for further info. Registrations can also be completed online at www.foxsportspulse.com, search for Kyabram Bombers Junior and follow the links.

Fees: U12 $85 U14 $110 All registered players will receive a pie and soft drink.
Buy/Swap and Sell Stall: Please bring your old footy boots along and grab a bargain on the night.

KYABRAM KNIGHTS SOCCER - COME AND TRY NIGHT

We invite all current and new players to our come and try night. on Tuesday 8th March, 2016 from 5.00pm to 6:30pm at Kyabram P-12 Primary School oval.

Evening will consist of some games for all players and will be followed by a sausage sizzle.

BYO: Soccer boots, shin pads and water bottles
Registration forms & payment of fees will be accepted on the night. Registration cost is $90.00
Subjects to numbers, teams may be entered in Under 6, Under 7, Under 8, Under 10, Under 12 and Under 14 age groups this year.
All families and friends are welcome.

If you are unable to attend come and try night, please email your child/ren’s name and age and your contact number to kyabramknightsoccerclub@gmail.com to register your interest and a member of the committee will be in touch.

Season training will commence on Tuesday 15th March. Competition commences on Saturday 18th April.

We are looking forward to another fun and enjoyable season of soccer.

Please contact Dee-Ann Dodds 0409 523 561, Sonta Wakenshaw 0419 112 717 or Kyabram Knights email kyabramknightsoccerclub@gmail.com for further information.

Express Yourself Youth Festival

$15 WRIST BAND

Pay for a Full Day of Entertainment!!

Pick one up at your secondary school office and get your festival gear and picnic rug ready!

March 13th 11am-3pm

Echuca Aquatic Reserve

Music

Art

Live Entertainment

WipeOut

Bungy Run

Dancing

Bucking Bull

Sumo suits

ST AUGUSTINE’S JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

Training will commence for Under 12’s & Under 14’s Wednesday 9th March, 2016. 4-5pm, at the St Augustine’s School Oval. Training will be followed by a short information session for all parents. Player information forms and fees will be collected on this evening. All current and new players welcome. Interested players from all schools are welcome to attend.

A reminder that parents must register their child on-line on Fox Sporting Pulse as well as complete a player details form prior to their child playing for the club. Fees must also be paid prior to the first match. Online registration through QCJFL is now open.

For Registration details, player information forms, instructions on how to pay fees or further information please contact the club via email staugustinejfc@gmail.com or President Brendan Bruhn

www.foxsportspulse.com.au

COMMUNITY MATTERS

2016 Kick Off!

Registration

Wednesday 16th March, 2016 @ Northern Oval 5pm

All are welcome to come along and have some fun.

SISA players are also welcome.

Under 12’s, Under 14’s, Under 14 girls, Under 17 boys, Women’s and Senior Men.

BBQ will be provided, hope to see new and old faces.

Kyabram Phoenix developing the next generation of local senior players.

ALL WELCOME!!

Simon Fiske - 0428 298 880
Kiley Barnford - 0419 889 181

TERMS 1 HOLIDAY CAMPS

There are three Christian camps for Grades 4-6 children during the term 1 holidays run by The Camping Program. Two camps are held at Corop and one at Anglesea. Each camp is of five days, four nights duration. For more information see: www.thecampingprogram.org.au or contact Rob and Judi Hunter 58532660
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