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# IMPORTANT DATES FEBRUARY

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Primary Book Club orders due

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#### **MARCH**

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# **Principal's Report**

"Excellence Through Opportunity"

#### Dear Parents and Friends,

#### **Community Spirit**

Late last week I was truly proud of the way our community rallied together to support the Year 9 boy, Daniel, who was injured at the swimming sports, and everyone else involved in this incident.

Our school would like to thank all those who cared for Daniel, particularly the lifeguards for their quick action and all the emergency services involved in their prompt response to the situation. I would also like to thank the staff for their support and care of Daniel, other students, each other and parents. I appreciate the concern the community showed for Daniel and all involved.

Daniel is on the mend and is looking forward to returning to school as soon as possible.

### **Kyabram P-12 College Council Elections 2016**

School Councils play a vital role in the educational opportunities and outcomes of all students at the school. In essence, the role of School Council is one of setting the long-term future for the school and maintaining oversight (not management) of the school's operation. I would like our parents and staff to consider nominating for Kyabram P-12 College Council in 2016. Nomination forms for College Council will be available to collect from the offices in our college, from today, and close on Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> February 2016. The Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2016 at 6:30pm. Please continue reading below for further information.

#### College Council Elections - Information for Parents

#### What is a College Council and what does it do?

All government schools in Victoria have a school council. They are legally formed bodies that are given powers to set the key directions of a college within centrally provided guidelines. In doing this, a school council is able to directly influence the quality of education that the college provides for its students.

#### Who is on the College council?

There are three possible categories of membership:

- A mandated elected Parent category. More than one third of the total members must be from this category. Department of Education and Training (DET) employees can be Parent members at their child's college as long as they are not employed at the college.
- A mandated elected DET employee category. Members of this category may
  make up no more than one third of the total membership of college council. The
  principal of the college is automatically one of these members.

An optional Community member category. Its members are appointed by a decision of the council because
of their special skills, interests or experiences. DET employees are not eligible to be Community members.

Generally, the term of office for all members is two years. The term of office of half the members expires each year, creating vacancies for the annual college council elections.

#### Why is Parent membership so important?

Parents on college councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills that can help shape the direction of the college.

Those parents who become active on a college council find their involvement satisfying in itself and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging.

#### How can you become involved?

The most obvious way is to vote in the elections, which are held in Term 1 each year. However, ballots are only held if more people nominate as candidates than there are positions vacant.

In view of this, you might seriously consider:

- standing for election as a member of the college council
- encouraging another person to stand for election.

#### Do I need special experience to be on college council?

No. What you do need is an interest in your child's college and the desire to work in partnership with others to help shape the college's future.

#### What do you need to do to stand for election?

The principal will issue a notice and call for nominations following the commencement of Term 1 each year. All college council elections must be completed by the end of March unless the usual time line has been varied by the Minister.

If you decide to stand for election, you can arrange for someone to nominate you as a candidate or you can nominate yourself in the Parent category.

DET employees whose child is enrolled in a college in which they are not engaged in work are eligible to nominate for parent membership of the college council at that school.

Once the nomination form is completed, return it to the principal within the time stated on the notice of election. You will receive a Nomination Form Receipt in the mail following the receipt of your completed nomination.

Generally, if there are more nominations received than there are vacancies on council, a ballot will be conducted during the two weeks after the call for nominations has closed.

#### Remember

- Ask at the College for help if you would like to stand for election and are not sure what to do
- Consider standing for election to council this year
- Be sure to vote in the elections (if this occurs)
- Contact the Principal for further information.

The terms of office, membership categories and number of positions in each membership category open for election are as follows –

Membership category	Term of office	Number of positions
Parent member (2 years)	From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 2016 to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in 2018	4
DET employee member (2 Years)	From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 2016 to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in 2018	2
DET employee member (1 Years)	From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 2016 to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in 2017	1

If the number of nominations is less than the number of vacancies, a notice to that effect and calling for further nominations will be posted in a prominent position at the school.

Stuart Bott College Principal

# New Staff at Kyabram P-12 College 2016

**Tania Chiswell** started working at the College in our After School Care Program and has been a Kindergarten teacher for nine years, trainer and assessor working with adults for 15 years. Tania grew up in a small town called Dingee and went to East Loddon P-12 College. The thing Tania is most looking forward to is a new adventure, meeting lots of new families, children and colleagues at our College. Tania believes that Kyabram is a great country town to live in and raise children.

Sarah Cox is a recent graduate of La Trobe University in Bendigo where she studied a Bachelor of Education (primary/secondary), graduating with first class honours. Sarah's key teaching areas consist of General Science, Biology and English. Sarah grew up in Tongala and is happy that Kyabram is very close to home and has that refreshing rural atmosphere. Sarah has said that "the people she has met, particularly the staff and students of Kyabram P-12 College, have been great as well". Sarah is looking forward to teaching, as well as meeting new faces in and around the community.

**Florence Laffitte** is the College's new International French Assistant and has been studying linguistics in 2015. Florence grew up in Vertou (France) and lived in Saint-Sébastien-Sur-Loire before moving here. Florence was appointed to Kyabram P-12 College via the International Exchange Program and is looking forward to discovering Australia! Florence will be assisting the French Teachers across the College.

Kellie Brennan has returned from family leave to take up a position in the Grade 3 4 Learning Community. In 2015 Kellie also taught for one term at Tongala Primary School and Kyabram P-12 College are excited to see Kellie return to the College.

Laura Spokes is a graduate teacher and last year completed the graduate diploma of teaching at the University of Melbourne. Laura grew up in Meeniyan, a town of about 500 people in South Gippsland and has recently been living in South East Melbourne. Laura chose to move here because of the great opportunity that opened up for her here at Kyabram P12 College. Laura has said that she really liked the look of the town and everyone was really friendly when she first visited. Laura also has family nearby. Laura is looking forward to getting to know the students and their families and participating in the school community and wider community. When asked if anything had been different to what Laura expected she said "It's so nice and quiet, and much warmer than I expected. Everyone is so nice here too." Laura will be teaching Year 7, 9 and 10 Maths, Year 11 General Maths and Year 7 Science.

**Greg Dunn** is the College Performing Arts Trainee. Greg graduated from Kyabram P-12 College last year and this year is going to be a taste of what a teaching career could look like in the future. Greg grew up in Kyabram and Tongala and is looking forward to working with the teachers that taught him at Kyabram P-12 College and working on the College production that will take place later in the year. Greg has commented that he was surprised at how nervous he was when he first walked into the staffroom on his first day. It made him feel like he was a new year 7 to the College, though the staff made him feel very welcome.

Myrid Bartlett has been a Health/PE and English teacher at Kyabram P-12 College for the past seven years, with some short stints in Leongatha and Kooweerup recently. Myrid originally came from Frankston however has been living in Poowong (Gippsland) recently while she was on leave, in between overseas trips. Both of Myrid's parents began their careers working near Kyabram and spoke highly of working and living in the country. Myrid is most

looking forward to getting back to teaching in Kyabram so that she can get to know the students really well - teaching new subjects and content, which is exciting. Myrid will be teaching Health / PE and English in 2016.

**Stuart Bott** is the College Principal and has returned from a six month position at the Bendigo Regional Office. Stuart is looking forward to sharing his experience with the staff and students and is looking forward to continuing the work begun at the College six years ago.

**Emma Parkinson** has returned from family leave and **s**tarted teaching year 10 health at Kyabram P-12 College Secondary Campus, then taught grades 5 and 6 at Dawes campus for one year, then taught year 7 at the Secondary campus before going on maternity leave towards the end of 2011. Since then



Emma has taught grades 5 and 6 at the Primary campus in between maternity leave for her second and third children. This year Emma is teaching grade one.

**Emma** grew up in Tongala and lived there until she moved to Kyabram with her partner and children in 2014. Both of their families are in the area and they love being able to spend time with them. Emma is really looking forward to trying something new in teaching grade one, and all of the experiences, challenges and rewards that this will bring.

**Michael Archer** is the Sports Trainee and grew up in Tatura. Michael is looking forward to meeting new people and learning new skills.

**Daryll Wegmann** is an experienced Teacher who has taught at the Primary Campus over a number of years. Daryll will be working with the Grade 3 4 Team during Term One.

**Shannon Ryan** is the new Horticulture / Grounds Trainee at Kyabram P-12 College. Shannon is the first Trainee of this type at the College and will be learning from and supporting Darryle Hangan in grounds maintenance, landscaping, repairs and maintenance and a variety of new tasks. The College are looking forward to this great team showcasing our College to the community.

# P-6 Assistant Principal Report

#### **Greg Ross** Hello Night

Thanks to all the families who turned up for this pleasant evening. No doubt your child was excited to show you their room. It was great to see parents making connections with their child's friends and their families.

#### **Student Free Day**

A reminder to families that next Thursday 25th is pupil free for students in years P-7 so our staff can attend a PD called "The Big Write."

#### **Parent Teacher Student Interviews**

Our Parent/Teacher interviews are on Thursday 17th and Tuesday 22nd March. Your teacher may offer different times depending on their timetable and needs expressed by parents.

#### **Playground Areas**

We have a number of playground areas which have equipment designed for particular age groups. This includes equipment being higher from the ground and requiring greater reach and strides. The handles for grabbing are also adjusted accordingly. Students are only to play at playground equipment allocated to their year level at recess and lunch times as well as before and after school. This makes it challenging for the P-2 families who have small children wanting to access the 3/4 playground outside the P/1/2 Building. Unfortunately this playground was built here before the building was built.

## **Health & Hygiene**

Please remember we don't want students to bring nuts to school as some students are allergic to them. Even smelling nuts can give highly sensitive people a reaction.

Please read the article later in this newsletter by our school nurse, Leanne James, about some of the illnesses that you need to be aware of.

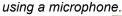
#### **North Melbourne FC Clinic**

Some of the Kangaroos players will be here to run a clinic next Tuesday 23rd February for district school students on our oval.

#### **PHOTO GALLERY**

We had had a very exciting week with many extra curricular activities happening, especially in the 5/6 Learning Community. They have started their swimming program and have all had lessons in basic First Aid.

Mrs. Meeking has started her drama lessons by getting the children to dress and make up stories, then draw on their confidence to explain their roles









## **P-6 Awards**



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

# **Grade 2 News**

The grade 2 classes are settling into new routines very well.

They are revisiting the school values, learning to work independently and looking at strategies to use when they need help in either the classroom or the yard. Trish Robbers will be on leave for two weeks beginning Monday 22nd February, returning Thursday 10th March. In her place will be Patti Harrison and Helen Chapman.

# **Scholastic Bookclub**

Welcome back to a new year of books and reading. The first catalogue for Book Club has already been distributed and orders are due back by this Friday the 19th February. If you wish to purchase a gift and don't want the child to receive it in the classroom make a note on your order and you will be notified to collect from the office.

The Book club enables you to purchase books at great prices to enhance your child's book collection at home, or as a gift for a special occasion. The school benefits from all purchases by receiving 20% of sales in books. Last year we received approximately \$1,100 worth of books and Bookclub also assisted getting the Literacy Pro reading program (Lexile) set up. We hope you will continue to support this wonderful fundraiser for the school.

Any queries may be directed to Anna or Cheryl via the office.

Happy reading Anna & Cheryl



We are lucky enough to have been given a Government Grant to increase the availability of sports coaching, free of charge, to our students. The aims of the sporting schools program are to:

- connect 860,000 children with National Sporting Organisations (NSO) endorsed sporting opportunities
- increase children's participation in sport
- nurture children's lifelong love of sport

We want our students to enjoy being active and find the sports that suit them. This program is suitable for P-6 students with every sport offering different levels of their program to suit age and ability groups.

We are "kicking off" with AFL. This will be held after school on Wednesdays for 4 weeks, beginning **2**<sup>nd</sup> **March (3.30-4.15pm).** This will be offered for Grade 3-6 with an opportunity for the Prep – 2 students still being confirmed. The groups will be broken into;

- Girls grade 3-6
- Boys grade 3&4
- Boys grade 5&6

This is subject to change depending on the number of participants and different abilities. If your child is very keen to participate but the time doesn't suit, please write on your form if you would prefer a before school time slot (8am) as one of the coaches is available before school on Tuesdays. Again this will be dependent of the number of students.

If your child is interested, they need to take a permission form from Judy at the office and return no later than <u>Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February</u> so we can confirm numbers and groupings. Once this is confirmed we will send an information note out with details on what to bring etc.

Please take this opportunity as it is a program specifically tailored to suit Primary Students and is run by AFL endorsed development officers. We are very lucky to have this funding and want the programs we run to be worthwhile. It is a chance not to be missed!

If you have any questions please see Mrs Mangan at school (Tue-Fri) or contact via email <a href="mangan.sarahjayne.s@edumail.vic.gov.au">mangan.sarahjayne.s@edumail.vic.gov.au</a>

# 7-12 Principal Report

# Danny Walsh VCE ENHANCEMENT DAY

Year 12 students attended the VCE Enhancement Day at the Kyabram Bocce Club on Thursday. Glenn Irvine was the guest speaker for the day and he ran a series of workshops on performance coaching, power study, health and wellbeing, career coaching, unlocking your true potential, self-esteem and team building. Students reported that it was a very worthwhile day with most students in attendance. A big thank you to Louise Mellington and Di Robilliard for all their work in organising such a fantastic day for our students.

#### LOCKERS FOR SALE

We have a number of lockers for sale like the one pictured. If you are interested in buying one or more of these, could you please contact me (walsh.daniel.m@edumail.vic.gov.au) or Stuart Bott,

(<u>Bott.Stuart.SD@edumail.vic.gov.au</u>) at the college by phone or email to make an offer. \$100ono



#### **ATTENDANCE COUNTS**

#### **DID YOU KNOW?**

- Students who miss more than 9 days of school each year struggle to stay engaged, be successful and stay on track to graduation.
- Absences can be a sign that a student is losing interest in school, struggling with school work, dealing with a bully or facing some other potentially serious difficulty.
- Missing 10 percent, or about 20 days, of the school year can drastically affect a student's academic success.
- Students can be chronically absent even if they only miss a day or two every few weeks.
- Attendance is an important life skill that will help your child graduate from college and keep a job.

#### WHAT YOU CAN DO

#### Make school attendance a priority

- Talk about the importance of showing up to school everyday; make that the expectation.
- Help your child maintain daily routines, such as finishing homework and getting a good night's sleep.
- · Try not to schedule appointments during the school day.
- Don't let your child stay home unless truly sick. Complaints of headaches or stomach aches may be signs of anxiety.

#### Help your teen stay engaged

- Find out if your child feels engaged by his classes and feels safe from bullies and other threats. Make sure he/ she is not missing class because of behavioural issues and school discipline policies. If any of these are problems, work with your school.
- Stay on top of academic progress and seek help from teachers if necessary. Make sure teachers know how to contact you.
- Stay on top of your child's social contacts. Peer pressure can lead to skipping school, while students without many friends can feel isolated.
- Encourage meaningful afterschool activities, including sports and clubs.

#### Communicate with the school

- Know the school's attendance policy incentives and penalities
- Talk to teachers if you notice sudden changes in behaviour. These could be tied to something going on at school.
- Check on your child's attendance to be sure absences are not piling up.
- Ask for help from school officials, after school programs, other parents or community agencies if you're having trouble getting your child to school.

(This information was sourced from the Attendance Counts Website)

#### YARD MAINTENANCE WORK

If you are available to assist with clean up/maintenance at the College could you please contact me by email (<a href="mailto:walsh.daniel.m@edumail.vic.edu.au">walsh.daniel.m@edumail.vic.edu.au</a>) 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 Welcome Night will be tonight Thursday, February 18 at 6.00pm at the Year 7 Community building. It is a great opportunity to meet year 7 teachers. Light refreshments will be provided.

# **GV Rural Health Day - 26 May 2016**

Year 9 & 10 Students: The GV Rural Health Day (held at the GV Hospital) is designed to give you the opportunity to explore different health careers and participate in hands-on workshops. There are only 10 places available, so if you are thinking about a career in Health and would like to attend, please see Mrs Sutton straight away.

These are the Health career workshops you can participate in: (you choose four)

- · Residential and Community Aged Care
- Midwifery
- Occupational therapy
- Physiotherapy
- Optometry
- Pharmacy
- Speech Therapy/Audiology
- Medicine
- Dental
- Nursing
- Exercise Physiology
- Complimentary Medicine
- Dietetics
- Radiography/Medical Imagining
- Social work
- Public Health/Health Promotion
- Podiatry
- Mental Health/Psychology
- VETiS Options in Health
- · Health Information Management
- Flying Doctor/Para Medicine

## VCE Season of Excellence 2016

Current or approaching VCE students may wish to tap into excellence of past students. Some Kyabram College classes attend these events but for those who wish to take up the opportunity to view the work separately here is the information:

The VCE Season of Excellence presents works (in Melbourne) created by VCE students in design, technology, multimedia and the cinematic, visual and performing arts through exhibitions, screenings and performances supported by education talks, forums and panel discussions, catalogues, programs and online material.

The Season of Excellence 2016 program, tickets to various events, catalogues and DVD's showcasing previous years' work may be found via <a href="https://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/seasonofexcellence">www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/seasonofexcellence</a>

# **Student Opportunity**

A special opportunity has become available for a few students from our school. Students aged six to twelve years are invited to a 'Flying Fruit Fly' circus style performance in Bendigo on April 2nd this year. Students will also be treated to a chance to get to know the performers by having contact with them before and after the show.

If you are interested in taking your child to Bendigo for this school holiday event please contact Sue Meeking at the Primary campus, or ring 0417721624 this week, to book one of the limited places.

# **COLLEGE NEWS**

#### **CANTEEN**

# PRIMARY CAMPUS FEBRUARY

# Mon 22 Jo Doolan Tue 23 Sharon Pell Wed 24 Fiona Bennett Thur 25 Jenni Turner

Jolie West

#### SECONDARY CAMPUS FEBRUARY

10:30-11:45am 1:00-2:15pm

Mon	22	Help Please	Help Please
Tue	23	Help Please	Help Please
Wed	24	Rebecca Baker	Help Please
Thur	25	Help Please	Terrie-Anne Coburn
Fri	26	Louise Lothian	Help Please



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# Leading the Way in LifeSkills

Kyle Boal-Ryan - Lifeskills Captain 2016

This year's focus for both Junior and Senior Lifeskills classes at our college will be fundraising for our end of year trip. We aim to do this by being involved in special events within the college throughout the year. Lifeskills students will concentrate on building community across the college

with students taking responsibility and doing their best in all activities.

So far this term we have set up our weekly cooking sessions where students make food to sell to staff, as well as our catering teams that supply food for college events.

Last Friday, we cooked a BBQ and supplied sausages, egg and bacon rolls, drinks and fruit to staff and students at the College Swimming Sports. We enjoyed a fun day with students displaying great community spirit within our team. We look forward to hosting the Lifeskills Family Night on the 8<sup>th</sup> March and welcome families as well as staff to this evening.

# **MATES Mentoring Program**

Kyabram Youth Partnerships launched a new youth mentoring program called MATES in August last year and are now looking to expand this successful program and offer it to more students at our local secondary colleges, who have completed a Kyabram Youth Partnerships' program.

Therefore we are on a recruitment drive for more mentors from the community. A short information session will be held on Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> February 4pm-4:30pm at KCLC for any interested people. Mentors need to be over 18 years old, able to commit to four hours of training and meet with their matched mentee for one hour a week during the school terms, and be interested in making a difference in the life of a young person. All mentors are required to have a current Police Check and Working with Children Check, which we can help you to apply for if you don't have them already.

MATES is an acronym for Mentor, Assist, Trust, Engage and Skills. Mentors are not teachers, counsellors, therapists or substitute parents but simply a supportive, friendly and encouraging adult. After training and an interview we match up the mentors with the young people according to their interests and compatibility. There is the option for the matched mentor and mentee to take on a project together.

The benefits for the young person are improved self-confidence and feelings of self-worth, helping students 'get back on track' with their learning. The whole community benefits as it creates positive links between generations. The evidence shows that youth mentoring positively impacts on the lives of both young people and mentors.

Would you like to find out more about the MATES Mentoring Program?

Come along to an information session on Friday 26 February 4.00pm-4.30pm at Kyabram Community and Learning Centre (KCLC) 21-25 Lake Rd, Kyabram or contact Cheryl Sweeney (MATES Co-ordinator) on 0400 896295 or <a href="mailto:youthpartnerships@kclc.com.au">youthpartnerships@kclc.com.au</a> for more information or to register for the training. The mentor training will be held on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March and Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2pm-4pm at KCLC.





# **SCHOOL NURSE CORNER**

## **Anaphylaxis and Asthma**

As part of the DE&T guidelines for Anaphylaxis in Schools, we are rquired 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. Both the Asthma and Anaphylaxis Action Plans **must be renewed annually**.

I will be contacting parents in regards to their child/ren who require an EpiPen to complete an Individual Anaphylaxis Management Plan and an Allergy Management Plan in Term 1 2016.

The same will apply 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 as soon as possible, before the end of term.

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

Parents of children with reported anaphylaxis or asthma should have received an Anaphylaxis Action Plan, Allergy Action Plan or Asthma Care Plan which was mailed out to you. 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 have misplaced the Asthma, Anaphylaxis or Allergy Action Plan Forms, please contact Leanne at Kyabram P-12 College on 5851 2100.

# **Bulk Calculator Order**

#### **Lisa Stevens**

Kyabram P-12 College expects that all students in Years 7 – 12 have a functioning calculator and the school policy is that phones and ipods with calculator functions are not considered adequate substitutes. The book listed models are: Years 7 -10 + VCAL: Texas Instruments TI 30 XB Multiview (recommended although other models are acceptable) Years 11 & 12 VCE: Texas Instruments TI-nspire CAS (compulsory)

To help students who do not have the correct equipment, the school has arranged a bulk order at a significantly reduced rate. We can offer:

- Texas Instruments TI 30 XB Multiview Cost \$23 (Retailing elsewhere for approximately \$30)
- Texas Instruments TI-nspire (CAS) Cost \$210.50 (Retailing elsewhere for approximately \$220)
- Padded case for CAS calculator Cost \$5.50
- TI Recharge a replacement rechargeable battery for the TI-nspire CX Cost \$18.00. The recharge is only useful if you already have TI-nspire CX and the battery is not working efficiently.
- TI Wall Charger adapter (for TI-nspire CAS CX only) Cost \$12. The TI-nspire CAS CX already comes with a
  USB cable and can be charged via a USB-power point converter such as an iPhone/iPad charger. If you have
  these, a wall charger is not necessary.

If you are interested, please complete the order form available from the office and return with payment by 26<sup>th</sup> February 2016. Orders are not considered final until payment has been made. If this is a problem, or for any other queries, please contact Lisa Stevens at the Secondary Campus.



Thursday, 4 February 2016

Dear Parents/Guardians,

#### Re: Reporting to Parents in 2016

As part of our commitment to keep you informed about changes to processes within the school, I am writing to explain the changes being implemented in our end of Semester Reports in 2016.

This year, Student Reports will be written and published in Compass. While this won't cause any real difference to the way in which parents access and view reports, it does allow for some exciting changes to the way teachers can communicate student achievement to parents.

One of these is the use of 'Learning Tasks' to assess student work in classes. As teachers assess student progress throughout the semester, this information will be communicated to parents via 'Learning Tasks'. These tasks provide parents with an indication of the expected outcome of a task or unit, an assessment of the actual achievement of the student, a grade against the curriculum all schools use (AusVELs) and a comment which describes the achievement, areas for improvement and work ethic displayed by the student during that task.

When one of these tasks has been marked, it will be made available to parents through Compass, and parents will be notified via their Compass homepage that a new Learning Task is available to view.

At the end of the semester (half year), these tasks will become part of the report, providing parents with an accurate, detailed summary of the work completed throughout a semester, progressive student achievement and an indication of how a student has approached their studies throughout the semester.

As you can appreciate, with new systems there can be some imperfections. We therefore ask parents/guardians to be patient with us as we roll out this new system. We also ask parents to provide any feedback about this process to help us improve the way we communicate with our school community.

We hope you enjoy the new reporting process and that it provides you with more up to date and relevant information about your child's progress at school.

Yours Sincerely,

Stuart Bott College Principal Danny Walsh 7-12 Principal Greg Ross P-6 Acting Principal Rowena Morris

Curriculum Leading Teacher

# **COMMUNITY MATTERS**

#### THE PORTSEA CAMP.

Applications are now open for the Portsea Camp.

Dates: 30<sup>th</sup> April - 5<sup>th</sup> May 2016

For children aged 9 years to 12 years; Cost \$327.00 per child. For further details please contact Avis Weller . Applications close 5<sup>th</sup> March 2016. Late applications will not be accepted Phone 58546383 / mobile 0409438386



The Kyabram Scout Group is desperate for 2 or 3 new Scout Leaders.

The rewards of becoming a Leader in the Scout Association include:

- Personal Satisfaction: The reward of seeing young people "get" something
- Sense of Achievement: From helping young people to develop positive attitudes and learn new skills
- Adventurous Activities: Where else can you take part in abseiling, rock climbing, scuba diving, caving, parascending and sailing in the company of experts for very small investment.
- Qualifications: We offer Optional Certificate 2, 3, 4 and Diploma level qualifications in a variety of fields.
- Travel: Travel interstate or overseas for Moots, Ventures and Jamborees plus a world of Scouts out there to welcome you to their
- . Fun: Share the fun and excitement of Scouting with other adults and young people
- Opportunities for Parents: For parents who are leaders, share and enjoy activities with their children

Anyone aged 18 or over can apply.

Training and Uniforms are provided along with the support, encouragement and fellowship of other Leaders from the Group and around the state.

Please call Cath Pell (Group Leader) on 0427594215, or the email crpell1@bigpond.com

Or you can find out more about scouting by checking out the Scouts Australia website at www.vicscouts.com.au



#### KYABRAM KNIGHTS SOCCER CLUB

Information night will be held on Tuesday 23rd February, 7:30pm, in the Front Function Room at The Blue Brick Hotel, Kyabram.

We invite parents of current and new players to attend.

arents are encouraged to come along to receive information about the upcoming season.

f you are unable to attend, please email your child/ren's name and date of birth and your contact number to cyknightssoccerclub@gmail.com to register your interest and a member of the committee will be in touch.

We are looking for helpers for roles such team mangers, BBQ helpers, Coaching, etc, please indicate you nterest in helping out by emailing the address below.

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

Please contact Dee-Ann Dodos 0409 523 561, Sonia Wakenshaw 0419 112 717 or Kyabram Knights via ema kyknightssoccerclub@gmail.com



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## **CYBER SAFE KIDS** COMMUNITY WORKSHOPS

for Parents of Years 5 - 12 Students

Morning Session Social Media, Body Image and Sexting

**Evening Session** 

Distraction, Multi-Tasking and Time Management

Presented by online safety expert ROBYN TREYVAUD

Founder of Cyber Safe Kids www.cybersafekids.com.au

DATE: Tuesday 23 February

TIME: Morning Session - 9.00am to 10.00am

Evening Session - 5.45pm to 6.45pm

LOCATION: **Moama Anglican Grammar** 

Multi Purpose Hall

COST:

RSVP: Thursday 18 February

functions@moamagrammar.nsw.edu.au



PRESENTS



THURSDAY 25TH 7:30PM

FRIDAY 26TH 7:30PM

**SATURDAY 27TH 2:00PM & 7:30PM** 

**\* FEBRUARY 2016 \*** 

Tickets available from Kyabram Newsagency

Music and Lyrics by Book by Laurence O'Keefe and Nell Benjamin Heather Hach

> Based on the novel by Amanda Brown and the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer motion picture

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# **COLLEGE CALENDAR**

February 2016							
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri			
15	VCE & VCAL Night 7:30pm in 10-12 Building	17 Rest Day for Preps Deb Ball Training	Yr 12 Enhancement Day  Yr 7 Welcome Night	19 Primary Book Club orders due			
	Yr 5/6 Swimming Program						
22	Yr 3-6 North Melbourne Football Clinic College Council 7pm	<b>24</b> Rest Day for Preps Deb Ball Training	25 PUPIL FREE DAY for Prep - Year 7 Years 8-12 students to attend school	<b>26</b> Round 2 Senior Cricket at Nathalia Rec Reserve			
		Surf Trip - VCE Outdoor Ed					
<b>29</b> Campaspe Swimming in Echuca							

III Echuca						
March 2016						
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri		
	1	2	3	<b>4</b> Unit 1 Geography Fieldwork Kinglake Excursion		
				LMR Senior Cricket - Bendigo		
	F1	in Schools National Fin	als			
7 14 LABOUR DAY HOLIDAY	8 Legal Studies Prison Trip Life Skills Family Night 6pm—8pm  15 LMR Swimming	9  16 The Gift casual day for Prep to Year 12	Junior Tennis and Volleyball - Kyabram Inter/Senior Tennis and Volleyball - Echuca Drama Excursion - Malthouse Theatre - Picnic at Hanging Rock  17 Secondary School Photos Parent Teacher Interviews	18 Primary School Photos		
Wilson's Promontory Bushwalk - VCE Outdoor Ed						
<b>21</b> Kryal Castle Excursion	22 Immunisation - HPV Parent Teacher Interviews	23	24 Last Day Term 1	25		
	Top Arts & Top Design	Overnight Excursion				















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