

College Council

College 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 College Council in 2015. Nomination forms for College Council will be available to collect from the offices in our college from Monday, 23rd February 2015. The Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday, 24th March 2015 at 6:30pm. Please continue reading below for further information.

New Parent and Student Portal - Compass

You will receive a letter in the mail this week introducing and explaining about the Kyabram P-12 College Parent and Student Portal (Compass). Compass has been set up to allow for communication between home and school for you and your children. Using Compass you will be able to see information on your child/children's progress with assessments, attendance, achievements and much more including permission forms and financial payments in the future. In the letter there will be a username and a password which will enable you to access your family's password protected portal.

There will be a parent information session about using Compass on Wednesday 4th March at 9:00am in the primary staffroom.

As we develop the system and add further enhancements please feel free to login and keep track of your child's progress throughout the year. This system will also come with a free app for smart phones.

Parents' Club

Parents' Club play an important role in our school. They provide many wonderful activities enabling students and the school community to come together and enjoy shared activities. Parents' Club also raise important funds to provide opportunities and facilities in the school that would otherwise be difficult to provide. Last year Parents' Club spent approximately \$30 000 in the school; this money was raised by various fundraising activities they had organised. Last night at the first Parents' Club meeting for 2015 there was only a small number of parents that attended the meeting, so we would be very happy to welcome any new parents. Please contact Judy at the primary campus office if you are interested in becoming a member of this very proactive and supportive group.

College (School) Council Elections 2015

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 -

<u>Membership category</u>	<u>Term of office</u>	<u>Number of positions</u>
Parent member (2 years)	From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 2015 to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in 2017	4
DEECD employee member (2 Years)	From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 2015 to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in 2017	2

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

P-4 Awards



AWARDS

Doing Your Best: Will S, Steven G, Luke T, Bella D, Liam S, Catriona B, Amaya S, Briana W, Leah N

Resilience: Logan F

Community: Navi R, Harrison W, Jack K, Kallan W, Kayesha B, Brock V

Respect: Will R, Jack P, Ashton R, Toby B

Responsibility: Francis F, Ruby B, Annisa G

P-6 Assistant Principal Report

David Jenner

Well done Leah ð

At our recent Yr 5-12 Swimming Carnival Leah Dunn competed in the all four swimming strokes: freestyle, backstroke, breaststroke and butterfly. The following Tuesday Leah found out that she had qualified for all four events for the Echuca Division Swimming Carnival. Leah finished 3rd place in the Freestyle and 3rd in the Butterfly event. Leah also finished 4th place for both the Butterfly and Backstroke events. Congratulations Leah, what an amazing effort!



Buddies Program

This week our Buddies Program began, in which our Prep – 2 students team up with Yr 5 and 6 Buddies. This is a wonderful program where our students are given the opportunity to build relationships and confidence whilst also developing social skills. The buddies program also strengthens our implementation of our College values: Resilience, Respect, Responsibility, Community, and Doing Your Best.



Shane Yr 5 & Liam Yr1



Serena Prep & Charlee Yr 6

5/6 Eating Area

Our College's Yr 10-12 students will soon begin project work on the seating areas within our 5/6 eating area. The students will design a new plan, and work to replace and repair the existing seats. We are also currently making plans to add some shade to the area. Thanks to our older students for your support as our younger students will benefit greatly from your efforts here. We are all looking forward to seeing the end result!

Thanks for your work, Josh ⇒



Yr 5 / 6 Assembly

On Wednesday, 4th March there will be a Yr 5/6 assembly in South Side beginning at 10:30am. Parents are very welcome to attend. Thank you.

P-2 News

Prep Learning Focus

- This week's focus letters are Ee, Cc and Kk. So far we have focussed on the letters Ss, Aa, Tt, Ii, Pp and Nn. We are enjoying singing the Jolly Phonics songs!
- In Maths we are: counting, grouping and matching numbers to small collections.

Grade One Learning Focus

Another productive week for our Grade 1 students! In Mathematics, students have continued to study number patterns and have been engaged in skip counting to 100 and beyond. In addition, the students have been demonstrating their knowledge of time and clocks; telling the time accurately to 'o'clock' and beginning their understanding of "half past". Students have been encouraged to observe both digital and analogue clocks in their school and in their community.

The "Me, Myself and Community" theme' has continued with the students writing acrostic poems and letters to their 5/6 Buddies, whom they have met this week. The students are encouraged to bring items to share for news on their designated days and to present their 'Me' boxes, if they haven't already done so.

Grade Two Learning Focus

In Literacy, we have been learning about the CAFÉ model - **C**omprehension, **A**ccuracy, **F**luency and **E**xpanding vocals. Under each heading there are strategies students can use to make their reading better - we are revising previously learned strategies this week. Our maths focus this week is telling time - revising o'clock and half past and introducing the quarter hours.

A few reminders:

- ◆ There are no more Wednesday rest days for our Prep students, who will now attend school every day.
- ◆ We are a nut-free school. No nuts or nut products (e.g. Nutella, hazelnut spread) are to be brought to school.
- ◆ Could students please remember to bring their water bottles and fresh fruit (or an extra sandwich) for fruit/snack break. Being hydrated and eating healthy food greatly assists concentration for learning.
- ◆ Please try and ensure that Prep children only bring 50c-\$1 to school for purchasing items at the canteen. It can be difficult for them to manage change if they have too much money.

Thank-you once again to all parents who continue to assist with the morning reading program; your contribution is greatly appreciated!

**Thanks for your support,
Prep-2 Team**

3/4 News

Here we are at week 5 already! All classes have started their spelling programs and all students should have spelling homework. If you can, please ensure that your child is learning responsibility by getting their homework completed and handed in on time.

We have completed our numeracy interviews and these assessments will assist us in targeting the learning needs of our students and placing them into groups.

Our new inquiry 'How Did British Colonisation Changed the Every Day Lives of Aboriginal Australians' starts next week. We're looking forward to getting into this fantastic unit of learning.

5/6 News

It's great to see our students are now well settled into the routine of the grade 5/6 area.

Last week we began our Friday rotation activities. This term the topics we are covering will be ICT (cyber safety), poetry and sport. Please ensure that students bring or wear appropriate footwear for sport.

We have also started our semester long unit on 'Healthy Lifestyles'. Students were given an introduction to this unit last week through the movie 'The Blind Side.' We stopped the viewing at regular intervals and students had to analyse the physical, social and emotional health of a particular character. This week we will be building on this introduction by beginning our six immersion topics- Health Services, Growing Up, Nutrition, Total Health, Personal Fitness Data and Risk Taking.

Today at 11.30am our students will be attending our first 5-12 Assembly. This is a fantastic opportunity for them to see our college captains and learn about programs in the secondary school.

7-12 Principal Report

Danny Walsh

VCE Information night

On Tuesday, the VCE Information night was held in the 10-12 Village Building. The night was well attended with over 60 people coming along. Lots of information was given on the night in relation to SACS, GATS, examinations, study scores, ATARs, effective study skills, managing stress, succeeding in VCE and study timetables, environment and distractions. A big thankyou to Louise Mellington for all her work in organising the night as well as Lainie Lockwood, Di Robilliard and Anne Puckey for presenting. If you couldn't make the night but would like to find out more, please contact me or Louise Mellington, the 10-12 Community Leader at the College.

VCE Enhancement Day

On Friday 27th February, all Year 12 students will attend the VCE Enhancement Day at the Kyabram Bocce Club. Glenn Irvine is the guest speaker for the day and will run a series of workshops on performance coaching, power study, health and wellbeing, career coaching, unlocking your true potential, self-esteem and team building. This is a compulsory day for all Year 12 students.

Environment Committee

If any parent would like to be a member of the College Environment Committee, could you please contact me at the College. We meet twice per term and discuss a range of issues that affect the environment at the College: examples include shade structures, work around the College, building maintenance and use of the College grounds by sporting groups. Our first meeting of the year will be on Tuesday, March 10th at 7pm.

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.

Australian Computational and Thinking Competition – Year 7 to 12.

We are again looking for participants in the Australian Computational and Thinking Competition, run by the Australian Mathematics Trust. Last year it was called the Informatics Competition.

Informatics is the science underlying computing, communication and the Internet. Alternatively, informatics is the study of the structure and behaviour of natural and artificial systems that generate, process, store, and communicate information. Informatics also includes the study of the cognitive, social, legal, and economic impact of information systems.

The competition, open to Year 7-12, is run as a one hour test with multiple choice and short answer questions. No experience in computer programming is necessary although the questions involve some mathematical ideas related to computing. The questions determine whether a student might have a talent for designing and writing programs - something which students might not normally have an opportunity to demonstrate - and the competition provides a pleasant, friendly atmosphere which invites students to try something new, perhaps stimulating an interest in programming.

There is a cost of \$6.00 per student, half of which will be met by the school. Students who are interested in participating should pay \$3.00 at the office by Friday 27th February. Any questions can be directed to Lisa Stevens or Pam Zuppardo.

Immunisations for Students in Years 7, 8, 9 and 10

The 2015 School Based Immunisation Program will be offered at Kyabram P-12 College by the Shire of Campaspe Nurse Immunisation Team on

Thursday 26th March

First Dose HPV for students in Year 7

Diphtheria/Tetanus/Whooping Cough for Year 7, 8, 9 and 10

**Please note: Chickenpox Vaccine will be given to Year 7 students on the second visit in May.
Year 10 students attending the Central Australia Trip in late March will receive their immunisation on
Monday 2nd March**

COLLEGE NEWS

CANTEEN

PRIMARY CAMPUS

MARCH

Mon	2	Anna Hooper
Tue	3	Merrilyn Davies
Wed	4	Fiona Barnett
Thur	5	Jenni Turner
Fri	6	Tania Porter

SECONDARY CAMPUS

MARCH

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

Mon	2	HELP Please	Jenny Ryan
Tue	3	Leanne Sloan	HELP Please
Wed	4	Rosalind Vocale	HELP Please
Thur	5	Rebecca Baker	HELP Please
Fri	6	Justine McConnell	HELP Please

ABSENCE LINE

5853 2607

**PLEASE LEAVE A MESSAGE TO ADVISE IF YOUR CHILD IS,
OR WILL BE, ABSENT**

Open 24 hours 7 days

We are required to have verification of all student absences.

For your convenience we have an absence hotline where you can leave a recorded message. Or you may choose to write a note or leave a message in your child's planner.

Thank you for your cooperation with this.



Second Hand Uniform

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 reduced price than they can be bought for new.

If your child has outgrown any of their uniform or is leaving the school, you may choose to donate the uniform to the Parents' Club outright or you may offer pieces on consignment, with a proportion of the sale price being returned to you.

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.

Uniforms for the shop may be left at any College office - please label clearly whether they are a donation or on consignment and if the latter, the amount you require for them.

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.

Curriculum Committee

Rowena Morris

The Kyabram P-12 Curriculum Committee for 2015 has a vacancy for a parent representative. The role of the Curriculum Committee is to discuss, review and make recommendations to School Council regarding the curriculum concerns of the college. Parent representatives will be actively involved in decision making and review of programs, with attendance at one or two meetings per term required. If you are interested in becoming involved in the Curriculum Committee, please contact Rowena Morris through the school on 5851 2100 or morris.rowena.c@edumail.vic.gov.au. The existing committee would also like to take this opportunity to thank our outgoing parent representative Samantha Hall for her contributions to the Curriculum Committee over the past several years.

Kids With Courage – Term 2

Kids with Courage is a program that aims to strengthen primary aged children who sometimes struggle at school, home or with peer relationships. The program themes build on the child's strengths and develops emotional resilience. In a supportive, fun atmosphere children will explore feelings, set goals and find positive ways of problem solving and making changes.

Kids with Courage is a Lifekeys (www.careforcelifekeys.org) program and will be conducted by the Community Church of Kyabram. *Kids with Courage* is endorsed by the College.

Kids with Courage will run on Wednesdays from 2.00pm-4.00pm over seven weeks from 13th May to 24th June.

Please pick up an information flyer and application form at the Primary Campus office if you are interested and for further details regarding cost.

Enquiries can be made to Hazel Smith (5853 1434) or John Hosking (5853 1010).

"My child had not been able to talk about her feelings and thoughts and was acting out. Since doing Kids with Courage she has begun to communicate more freely and is much more confident." - a Kyabram mother

What does ANZAC Day mean to you? What does it mean to Australia? What does it mean to Kyabram?

Write a poem about the Centenary of the ANZAC Landings.

Secondary students:

Write a poem no more than one page in length about ANZAC Day and the Centenary of the ANZAC Landings.

Primary students:

Write an acrostic poem about ANZAC DAY.

Entries can be submitted to the Primary or Secondary office.

Winning entries will receive *5 house points* and a prize donated by the Kyabram RSL.

All other entries will receive *1 house point*.

Entries are DUE by Friday, 17th April.



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COMMUNITY MATTERS

KYABRAM



**JUNIOR FOOTBALL
GROUP INC.**

Kyabram Junior Football Group REGISTRATIONS

Kyabram Junior Football Group will hold registration evenings for the 2015 season for Under 12's and Under 14's as follows:

Dates: Wednesday March 4th and Wednesday March 11th

Time: 4.30pm both weeks

Where: Under 12's Kyabram P12 Haslem campus oval.
Under 14's Kyabram P12 Fisher campus oval.

Please feel welcome to come along whether you are a new or previous player.

Registration and fee documents can be emailed directly to you prior to the registration nights if you wish. Please contact Kristy Williams (secretary) on 0417 399 512 or kristy@kristyhunterconsulting.com.au

JUNIOR FOOTBALL
THIS IS OUR GAME

SGR GIANTS

junior footy club

Stanhope Girgarre Rushworth & district

Under 12 & Under 14 REGISTRATION & TRAINING

Thursday 26th February
5 - 6pm

Stanhope Football Ground

Please bring footy boots/runners & a drink.

Meet our coaches:

Leigh Hall (U12s) ph 0458522468
Murray Yates (U14s) 040078854 & be
welcomed to our family friendly club.

FREE SAUSAGE SIZZLE TEA



PARTY PACK

Available to Kyabram Toy Library members
(does not include casual members)
\$25 Hire fee plus \$25 Bond

BASE PACK

Giant Lego, Caterpillar Tunnel, Tactile Path,
Rollercoaster, Slide and Cubbyhouse



PLUS YOUR CHOICE OF:

Dress Up Pack

Choice of 5 dress ups



Toddler Pack

See Saw, Rocking
Horse, Cosy Coupe



Games Pack

Skittles, Jumping Sacks,
Parachute and Egg and
Spoon



JUNIOR STADIUM NETBALL KYABRAM SPORTS CENTRE

FREE SESSION WEDNESDAY 4TH MARCH. 4.00PM - 5.00PM

"LEARN AS YOU PLAY" & "BRING IT ON NETBALL" FOR KIDS 5 - 9 YEARS

Junior Stadium Netball is combining programs for a new complete session for players/teams. Teams in 9 & under and 7 & under will alternate between court 1 & 2 during the course of an hour.

Court 1 will host "Learn as you play" netball games with teaching umpires as usual, whilst Court 2 will be run by Fleur Nurse with the "Bring it on Netball" approach.

"Bring it on Netball" involves ball handling, footwork and general movement required for the game of netball.

For the younger (5 - 6yrs) beginners Fleur will run a "Bring it on Netball" session from 5.00 - 5.45pm.

For registration of returning players/new players call Kylie on 0419 998190

Hutchy0642@bigpond.com or Fleur on 0432379509 fleurnurse77@hotmail.com

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PORTSEA CAMP

Applications for the Portsea Easter Camp are now open.

Dates are 28th March to 2nd April.

Age: 9-12 years of age

Cost: \$285

For further details please contact Avis Weller 5854 6383 / 0409 438 386

COLLEGE CALENDAR

~ February 2015 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
22	23	24	25 Prep Rest Day VCE Information Night 7:30pm Deb Ball Training 6-8:30pm Parents' Club Meeting 7pm Primary Staffroom	26 Year 7 Welcome Night 6:30pm	27 VCE Enhancement Day - Wilf Cox	28
OES Surf Trip - Torquay						

~ March 2015 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Zone Swimming at Echuca	3 Production Rehearsals 3:30-5pm	4 Deb Ball Training 6-8:30pm	5 Production Rehearsals 3:30-5pm	6	7
8	9 LABOUR DAY HOLIDAY	10 Regional Senior Cricket at Bendigo Production Rehearsals 3:30-5pm	11 Deb Ball Training 6-8:30pm	12 Loddon Prison Excursion Production Rehearsals 3:30-5pm	13 Grand Prix Excursion	14
15	16	17 Regional Swimming at Swan Hill Production Rehearsals 3:30-5pm Primary Parent Teacher Interviews	18 Kryal Castle Ballarat Excursion Yr 8 Deb Ball Training 6-8:30pm	19 School Photos for Secondary Production Rehearsals 3:30-5pm Primary Parent Teacher Interviews	20 School Photos for Primary National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence	21
OES Wilsons Promontory Bushwalk						
22	23 VCE Top Arts Excursion to Melbourne	24 Production Rehearsals 3:30-5pm	25 Deb Ball Training 6-8:30pm	26 Vaccinations for Yr 7-10 Production Rehearsals 3:30-5pm	27 End of Term	28
Central Australia Trip 25th March - 5th April						

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