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IMPORTANT DATES

APRIL

16

Junior Tennis and Volleyball at Kyabram

Intermediate, Senior Tennis and Volleyball at Echuca

Production Rehearsals 3:30-5pm
21

Production Rehearsals 3:30-5pm
22

Deb Ball Training 6-8:30pm

Parents' Club Meeting 7pm

23

Athletics Day Yr 7-12

Production Rehearsals 3:30-5pm
24

ANZAC Ceremony Whole College
11:30am College Hall
28

Production Rehearsals 3:30-5pm
29

Deb Ball Training 6-8:30pm

30

Production Rehearsals 3:30-5pm
Year 10 Careers Day Out

April 29-May 1

OES Mount Kooyoora Bushwalk

MAY

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Yr 10/VCE Drama Excursion Performance - Bendigo

Golf at Rich River Echuca

1-2

Deb Balls

4-8

Yr 10 Work Experience Week
Melbourne

Term 2 Issue 9

Principal's Report

"Excellence Through Opportunity"

Dear Parents and Friends,

WELCOME

Welcome to the start of a new term. I hope you were able to enjoy a peaceful and relaxing break. It is my pleasure to welcome back staff members Mrs Sarah Mangan (primary Physical Education) and Ms Eileen McNeilly (Literacy and Numeracy support for secondary students) to our school.

Our school newsletter, Channels, is a very important part of the communication structure of our school. The newsletter is taken home each Thursday to families at the primary campus by the eldest child in each family and is also placed on our College website. There is a lot of important information in the newsletter, so please take the time to read it.

ANZAC DAY CEREMONY

On the 25th April each year we recognise the service and sacrifice of all Australians who have served in war or on peacekeeping operations. ANZAC Day has grown to become perhaps the most important national day in Australia, allowing us to reflect on the ANZAC spirit and its place in our society today. This year we mark the centenary of the morning where it all began: the ANZAC landings at Gallipoli on the 25th April 1915. To commemorate this occasion our school will be holding a ceremony on Friday, 24th April at 11:30am in the College Hall. All parents are invited to attend; it would be great to see you there.

Our school will also be heavily involved in the ANZAC Day service at the Kyabram Memorial Gardens on Saturday 25th April.

We are also excited to have a student from our school, Emily Bassett of Year 9, who will be among the thousands of Australians making the pilgrimage to Turkey to attend the centenary commemorations of the landing at Gallipoli. Emily was successful in her application to be one of eighty students across Victoria that will have this opportunity of a life time. We look forward to her returning from Turkey and hearing about the experiences she has had. Congratulations Emily, and travel safely.



CONDOLENCES

On Sunday night I received the sad news that a former student, Travis Mitchell, passed away as result of an accident while riding his dirt bike. It is with deepest sympathy that I pass on my sincere condolences to the families associated with Travis.

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

TALENTED STUDENT

Last Sunday Bodhi Hawken, a student in Year 7, was successful in winning the 13 and under section of the Fast Track Talent Quest, the largest non-televised singing competition in Australia. There were about 60 other competitors in this category that performed in the heats where Bodhi sang and played "Four Five Seconds"; then 24 went on to the final where Bodhi performed an original piece, "Only Place", which he wrote in the recent holidays. Bodhi won a trophy, some money and an 88 key piano. Congratulations Bodhi!

You can view Bodhi's performance on YouTube, just search; "Bodhi Hawken Four Five Seconds".

If there are any other great news stories about our students, please contact me so that we can all celebrate achievements like these in our Channels publication.



ATTITUDES TO SCHOOL SURVEY

Our school is conducting a survey to find out what your child thinks of our school. The Attitudes to School survey is an annual student survey for Years 5 to 12 students offered by the Department of Education and Training to assist schools in gaining an understanding of students' perceptions and experience of school. Our school will use the survey results to plan programs and activities to improve your child's schooling experience. Students from Year 5 to Year 12 at our school will participate in the survey over the next two weeks. All responses to the survey are anonymous. The survey only takes 20-30 minutes to complete and occurs during your child's class time.

Please speak to your child's teacher if you would like more information.

UNIFORM

On the return to school this term I have been pleased by the support families have shown to the school uniform policy. On my walks around our school over the past week I have been impressed to see approximately 98% of the students in uniform. Thank you to parents and guardians for supporting the uniform policy. This is greatly appreciated as looking like we are all on the same team is an important aspect of any school. With the cool weather soon to arrive it will be important that non uniform items don't creep in, i.e. hoodies. If this occurs the students will be asked to take them off.

SPEED ZONES

With Term 2 underway, it is an opportune time for school communities to be reminded of the importance of road safety around schools. School Speed Zones will be enforced and I need to alert parents/carers to pay attention to the safety speed signs around our school's campuses.

P-4 Awards



P-6 Assistant Principal Report

David Jenner

WELCOME BACK TO TERM 2

Hi everyone and welcome back to the beginning of Term 2. I trust that you all enjoyed your Easter and holiday break. It has been wonderful this week to see the way in which everyone has settled back into their teaching and learning. Thank you to everyone for your efforts here.



MONDAY'S P-4 ASSEMBLY

On Monday morning we held our weekly Prep – 4 assembly. Once again we had a fantastic turn out from our College community. Emily Bassett (Yr 9) shared her thoughts around her upcoming trip to Gallipoli for the 100th anniversary Dawn Service. Our younger students thoroughly enjoyed learning about Emily's trip and we are looking forward to hearing from Emily again when she returns. Thank you Emily for being our guest speaker at this week's assembly.

COLLEGE VALUES

Our Primary Campus Captains shared their thoughts around our College Values at this week's assembly. Their messages in regards to our values can be summarised as follows:

Resilience:

The ability to bounce back and to stay strong when faced with challenges.

Respect:

Caring for people, leading by example and treating others in the way in which you would like to be treated.

Responsibility:

Being accountable in regards to your actions and words.

Doing Your Best:

Having a red hot go at tasks, and keeping positive.

Community:

Caring and sharing with others and leading by example.

SUNSMART SAFETY

During Term 2 our College wide brim hats are not compulsory to wear. However, we still need to be sun smart and wear them during warmer days. Please be mindful and diligent here in regards to Sunsmart safety. Thank you!



HAPPY STUDENTS ENGAGED IN THEIR LEARNING



P/1/2 News

Welcome back to school, what a fantastic start to the term we have had already. We had an exciting start as we kicked off our Australian Animal Theme with Lydia's grandparents bringing in two baby wombats for the children to hold. Mr and Mrs Bath are wildlife carers who rescue and help return injured animals to the wild. The children thoroughly enjoyed their visit and we are very thankful for the time and knowledge given.

Our learning this week:



Prep

- Focus letters/phonics: Ff and Bb
- Writing: Recount writing
- Maths: Counting; Days of the week; Yesterday, today and tomorrow

Grade 1

In Maths we are looking at place value and are going over our counting patterns. In literacy we have been writing recounts and remembering to use full stops and capital letters with a focus on our letter formation. For reading we are looking at phrasing and using our word solving strategies.

Grade 2

Maths - addition equations including setting out and regrouping.

Writing - information reports, following the use of headings and subheadings.

Reading - being a "voracious" reader and building stamina.

3/4 News

Welcome back for the second term of the year. We hope you and your children had a fun-filled and relaxing break. It's been great to see our students return full of energy and eager to get into a new term of work!

In Maths students are looking at time with clocks and calendars. By the end of this week students should be able to tell time to the nearest minute – this can be tricky for many students and it would be helpful if parents can give their children some incidental practice at home. Next week we will be revising and extending place value work; students will be asked to read, order and make numbers up to and beyond 5000 for Grade 3 and 10,000 for Grade 4 students. We are continuing our inquiry into how the British Colonisation of Australia changed the daily life of Aboriginal people.

5/6 News

We have started back with a bang with many extra curricular activities already being offered to our students. Students who are consistently displaying our school values are always welcome to try out for these events.

ANZAC Poetry Competition

Our students started acrostic poems last term. They will be completing their good copies to hand in this Friday. There have been some very impressive pieces completed already. Students who submit an entry will receive a house point.

Cross Country

Students have self-nominated to complete in this activity. Try outs are on this Friday after lunch.

Swimming

This program starts Friday for the students involved. Participants have to be at school at 7:15am to catch the bus.

Code Club

Mr. Davison has introduced this global student activity to our students. The students will be involved in ICT activities such as writing small programs for computers. We are going to be a featured school for the organisation who started this.

Performing Arts

Sue Meeking

Last term the primary students term of Performing Arts (Drama) studies culminated in the creation of characters using costumes. Pictured is one of the grades in action!

Term two is our movement term (dance). We look forward to the grade 3/ 4 dance event (concert) on June 23rd and 24th as a celebration to end the term.



7-12 Principal Report

Danny Walsh

REPORTS AND PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Years 7-12 Parent/teacher interviews will be held on Monday 20th April and Wednesday 29th April between 4pm and 7pm in the Years 10-12 Village building. All bookings are made online through Compass and will close at 9am on the morning of interviews. Bookings can be made as of Monday 23rd March. If any parent has lost their log on details, please call the office on 5851 2100. Years 10-12 Interim Reports will be available on Compass from Monday 23rd March.

LEARNING CURVE NEWSLETTER ARTICLE

Each week I would like to include a parent newsletter article from the Learning Curve which is in line with the Secondary student planner. I hope you find these articles valuable.

Self-esteem and Self confidence

For young people to successfully negotiate the challenges of adolescence and schooling they require a healthy sense of self-esteem and self-confidence. Cultivating resilient habits and growth mindsets in our students is something that we need to focus on in our every action and every word every day to ensure they develop a belief in their self-worth and value as a person. We need to encourage conversations and activities at home, at school and in the community about understanding the importance of feeling good about themselves and then more importantly, doing good things as a consequence. This will enable them to develop as young citizens with spirit and confidence. Role modelling and using positive psychology in all our teaching and interactions with students is a sound platform for them to consistently approach everything they do positively.

While it is perfectly natural for students to experience self-doubt, we need to assist them in managing these thoughts. Being vigilant and always on the lookout for warning signals that their self-esteem is declining, and then acting to remedy it, will keep their wellbeing in an upward direction.

Some alarm bells for parents include:

- a reluctance to try new things
- adopting a “victim” mentality of blaming others for their performance
- losing their assertiveness, presence and ‘shine’
- feeling that their best isn’t good enough
- being obsessed with unimportant and irrelevant things
- becoming temperamental and thinking inconsistently
- not enjoying the challenge of striving to continually make their best better
- preferring to be alone more than usual and on social networking excessively.

As soon as we begin to notice any of the above, we need to act immediately to assist and coach our children to address the causes to their loss of self-esteem and self-confidence. It’s all about helping them to not only “do the right thing” but also “do the thing right”.

LOCKERS FOR SALE

We have eight sets of lockers for sale like the one pictured below. Some have 1 or 2 doors missing. 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, (Bott.Stuart.SD@edumail.vic.gov.au) at the college by phone or email to make an offer.



ATHLETICS SPORTS ON THURSDAY

The Years 7-12 College Athletics sports will be held on Thursday 23rd April from 9am- 3pm. VCE classes will run as normal with students leaving class to participate in the events they have signed up for prior to the day and then returning to class when finished. This decision was based on the poor participation, attendance and behaviour at the Swimming Sports this year by students in Years 11-12.

Students in Years 11-12 will still be permitted to be part of the whole day if:

- the student attended and participated in the Swimming Sports, or
- the student had a parental approval note to excuse them from the Swimming Sports due to illness.

Students sign up for a **minimum of 4 events** by Recess Tuesday 21st April.

If you have any questions regarding the College Athletics Carnival can you please contact me at the College.

YARD MAINTENANCE WORK

If you are available to assist with clean up/maintenance at the College could you please contact me by email (walsh.daniel.m@edumail.vic.edu.au) or by phoning the College. We have a number of areas that require attention such as painting, pruning, edging and brushcutting.



Year 7-9 Report

It was great to see everyone return to school rested and ready on Monday. A few reminders for the term...

April 23rd is our Athletics Carnival and all year 7, 8 and 9 students will be participating. Parents are welcome to attend. If you would like to help on the day please contact Trudee Leahy, our Sports Coordinator. Students are asked to dress in their house colours.

There have been changes made to some year 8 timetables. We are very impressed with the students' positive attitude and willingness to accept the changes that have been made. If you have any questions regarding these changes, please contact Kym Rowland, our Year 8 coordinator.

We welcome back Eileen McNeilly to the College. She will be helping our students with Literacy and Numeracy across years 7-10. We are very fortunate to have Eileen to provide this support.

Maths tutoring is available in the library for students after school on Wednesdays and at lunchtimes on Thursdays and Fridays. Please contact Lisa Stevens for more information.

NAPLAN testing will be occurring for year 7 and 9 on May 12th, 13th and 14th.

COLLEGE NEWS

CANTEEN

PRIMARY CAMPUS

APRIL

Mon	20	Jo Doolan
Tue	21	Cara Behnke
Wed	22	Terrie-Anne Coburn
Thur	23	Claire Perrella
Fri	24	Justine McConnell

SECONDARY CAMPUS

APRIL

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

Mon	20	Kylie Dixon	Terrie-Anne Coburn
Tue	21	Kelly Andrews	HELP Please
Wed	22	Rosaline Vocale	HELP Please
Thur	23	HELP Please	HELP Please
Fri	24	Rebecca Baker	Terrie-Anne Coburn

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. You may choose to write a note or leave a message in your child's planner or record it on Compass.
Thank you for your cooperation with this.



FREE Premiers' Reading Challenge Calendar

The Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge is now open!

The competition is open for students from Grades 3 to Year 10.

If you are interested, please see Mrs Morris, Mrs Corrin or your classroom teacher.

Featuring key Challenge dates, literary events, fun facts, popular authors' birthdays and tips, it's a great way for parents and children to track their reading progress, count down the days and stay motivated throughout the Challenge.

For more information on the Challenge visit: www.education.vic.gov.au/prc

MOTHER'S DAY STALL

For primary students

FRIDAY 8TH MAY

From 9am - 11am

**Gifts are priced from \$1.00 to
\$6.00**

**Parent help is required on the day so if
you are available please meet at the
office from 8:45am.**



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.

COMMUNITY MATTERS



Are you a Year 11/12 Student considering a GAP Year?

- Meet potential employers (Over 20 businesses in attendance)
 - Network with local businesses
 - See the great opportunities available to you
- It's Free!**

Venue: 4 Percy Street, Echuca
Date: Monday 4th May 2015
Time: 6.00pm - 8.00pm

GAP YEAR EXPO



Morning & Afternoon Tea — delicious homemade treats

Leaving Kyabram Sports Stadium at 7.30 am sharp

Tickets \$55.00 inc gst.

Tickets available from Fab Flowers Florist & Garden phone 58521738 to book or email fabflowers@bigpond.com Cash or Cheque only. No EFPOS or Credit card

Theme - The Anzacs.

A Kyabram P-12 College Chaplaincy Support Group Fundraiser

JUNIOR STADIUM NETBALL INDOOR SPORTS CENTRE KYABRAM

GAMES FOR PLAYERS 9 & UNDER, 7 & UNDER TERM 2 STARTS 2ND WEEK OF SCHOOL WEDNESDAY 22ND APRIL

Junior Stadium Netball is focusing of Games for players this year! Teams in 9 & under and 7 & under

Will be combined for 15 mins skills/warm up and then into the main event GAMES over 45 minutes.

Fees: \$70 - 10 WEEKS - Learn as you Play Games with Bring it On skills/warm up.

All Enquires / Registration call Fleur 0432379509 or Kylie on 0419 998190



TERM 2 REGISTRATION NIGHT

Four programs for all ages and skill levels:

Junior Hoops: Introduction to basketball for 5-9 year olds.

Slam Jam: Allows 10-14 year olds to make the transition from skills sessions into a non threatening competition.

Fast Break: A 3 on 3 competition for 15-21 year olds.

Mixed Veterans: Competition for those who are over 35 and are looking for something to get active and fit in a fun, social environment.



TIME: 4.15-8pm: Monday, April 20

VENUE: Kyabram Youth Club Hall, Unwin St

AGE: 5 years old to adults

ABILITY: All skill levels

To register or for more information, please contact: Michael Maskell, Basketball Kyabram Phone: 0414 815 527

WINTER SQUAD

The 2015 winter tournament and training squad is for players wishing to keep playing tennis during the off season.

There will be four training sessions and six tournaments, the first being a doubles tournament in Shepparton on Sunday April 19.



A singles tournament will be conducted each month after that until the summer season starts.

Anybody interested please call David on 0427 004 457.

COLLEGE CALENDAR

~ April 2015 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
12	13 Start of Term 2	14 GTAC - Melbourne Production Rehearsals 3:30-5pm	15 State Swimming Deb Ball Training 6-8:30pm	16 Junior Tennis & Volleyball at Kyabram Intermediate, Senior Tennis, and Volleyball at Echuca Production Rehearsals 3:30-5pm	17	18
19	20	21 Production Rehearsals 3:30-5pm	22 Deb Ball Training 6-8:30pm Parents' Club Meeting 7pm in Primary Campus Staffroom	23 Athletics Day Yr 7-12 Production Rehearsals 3:30-5pm	24 Extended Experimental Investigation VSSEC ANZAC ceremony Whole School 11:30am	25
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~ May 2015 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Yr 10/VCE Drama Excursion Bendigo Golf at Rich River Echuca Deb Balls	2
3	4	5 Production Rehearsals 3:30-5pm	6	7 Production Rehearsals 3:30-5pm	8 Primary Mother's Day Stall 9- 11am	9

Year 10 Work Experience Week in Melbourne



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