Term 4 Issue 1

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Primary Campus

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Important dates

22 Oct	Dress Up Day
	Scholastic Book Club Orders Due
23 Oct	Public Holiday
2 Nov	Pupil Free Day
3 Nov	Melbourne Cup Holiday
18 Nov	Prep 2021 Transition Program 2:30pm - 3:15pm
2 Dec	Prep 2021 Transition Program 2:30pm - 3:15pm
8 Dec	Orientation Day 9am - 12pm

Please view Compass Calendar for further details

"Kyabram P-12 College is a Child-Safe School"

Principal's Report

Paul Tozer

"Excellence Through Opportunity"

Dear Parents and Friends,

We have some very exciting news in this edition of the Channels newsletter. We are very proud of the school community that has developed over the last decade at Kyabram P-12 College. The bringing together of three schools to form one P-12 College has many complexities that have been negotiated expertly and with care to culminate in the outstanding College we have today.

Students at Kyabram P-12 College report to us through the Student Attitude to School Survey, and through our daily observations, that they are happy and connected to the College. Through various other data sources we know that they are learning at a rate that allows them the luxury of choice when students reach their senior years and are working with our careers team on their future pathways. Happy students who are learning well is a pretty good summary of what we want for our children and it is what we are currently seeing at the College.

Frustratingly however, our original plans to create a learning environment that was designed to enhance the work of our staff through an innovative building program was not fully realised, with only two of the six stages of our original master building plan being completed.

This year, our school council agreed that we were ready to re-engage strongly with getting our building program back on track so that our facilities could reflect the outstanding work that was taking place in our classrooms. Through these efforts, we are extremely pleased to announce that the College has been offered funding and technical support to develop plans for buildings that will allow us to realise our vision of facilities that not only house students for their learning, but enhance the learning that is possible.

This is amazing news for our College. The building program will allow us to develop a space that is specifically designed for the learning needs of our students, utilising the very latest research in how classroom architecture can support student learning. I will be sure to keep you all updated as further details arise on our building program.

Paul Tozer

College Principal

Primary Principal's Report

Kate Whitford

A huge thankyou to everyone in our college community for the calm return to onsite learning. Although we still have restrictions and safety measures in place the students have quickly adapted and are focussed on their learning. Thank you to the parents who continue to follow the department directive by remaining outside the fence and only entering by appointment. This time is challenging for all of us, but being back at school even under these conditions is a much better option.

Water Bottles, Hats and Sunscreen

For health and safety reasons our bubble taps remain turned off apart from a tap for refilling. All students need to bring their own water bottle to school. All students must have their own school hat. **NO hat No Play**. Students are sat at the office or the choices room during break time if they do not have a hat. Each classroom have a spare light blue hat for any student who genuinely forgets their hat on a particular day but due to the current COVID situation we are advising all parents to avoid this. Thank you for your help. Sunscreen is available at school. If your child has an allergy to certain sunscreens then please send suitable sunscreen with your child.

2021 Enrolments

I would like to remind families with children who will be beginning school in 2021 that we are taking enrolments now and places are filling fast. I strongly encourage you to ensure you collect and return your child's enrolment form to Judy in the office.

Values Awards

Congratulations to the Weekly Award and Achievement Award winners.

Monday 12th October

Seesaw

Just a friendly reminder to download the Seesaw Family App if you haven't taken up this opportunity already. The App is used to help keep you informed, share activities and photos of your child's time at school. Last term all primary students were given a form with their unique QR code and instructions on how to download the 'Family App' and create an account. If you did not receive this information, no longer have it or have any issues please contact your child's teacher or the office for help.

Curriculum Overview - Term 4

Information regarding the curriculum content being covered during Term 4 curriculum by your child's class will be posted on the Seesaw family App next week. This does not give you a detailed description of individual lessons or activities, just an overview of the main focus areas and some ideas on how you can support your child to do their best in this process.

Kate Whitford

Primary Campus Principal

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Business Manager's Report

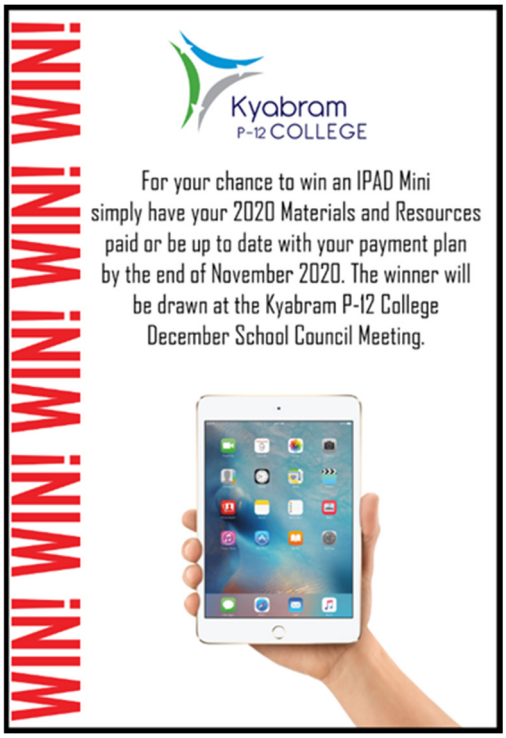
Jan Prior

It was been wonderful to have all of our students and staff back at the College this week. Thank you also to our parents for the wonderful dedication and perseverance to your child's learning during Remote Learning.

I-Pad Draw 2020

The College are excited to let our families know that for the third year running we will be holding the I-Pad Draw.

One mini-iPad will be drawn for both Primary and Secondary families, by the College Council President, at the December Council meeting. To be eligible, 2020 materials and resource costs need to be paid in full by the end of November, or alternatively, a current payment plan is in place and has been followed. If you have any queries about this, please contact me at the College.



Years 7-12 Virtual Bookstall 2021

Due to feedback from parents and the current COVID-19 position we have moved to a virtual bookstall / booklist arrangement for 2021. Over the past few days families will have received an email regarding information about our 2021 booklist and materials and resource arrangements.

This information outlines what your child will need for their classes next year, and also provides options on payment arrangements for essential student learning items.

Please look over the email sent to you and enter your details on the Campion Website by October 26th and this will ensure that you receive free postage and resources will be delivered to your home in time for 'flying start'. Campion have let us know that many of our families have already placed their orders – thank you. Please contact the College Office on 58512100 if you need assistance as we are here to help.

Jan Prior

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Dress Up Day

Thursday 22 October

Primary

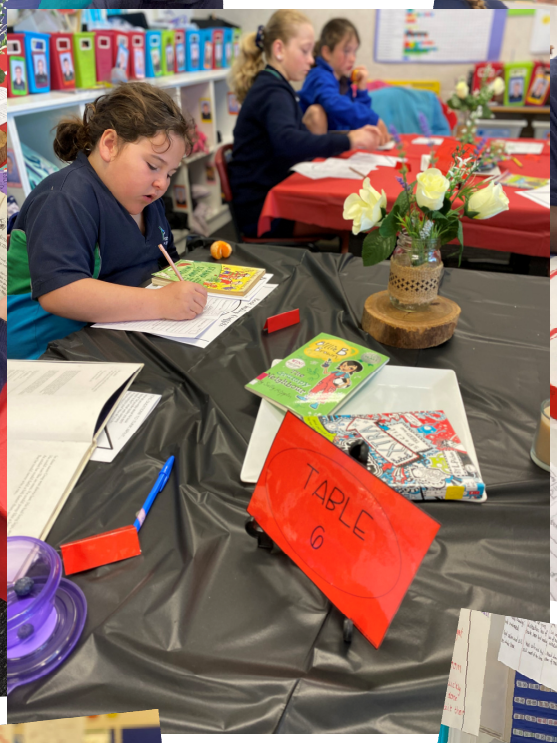
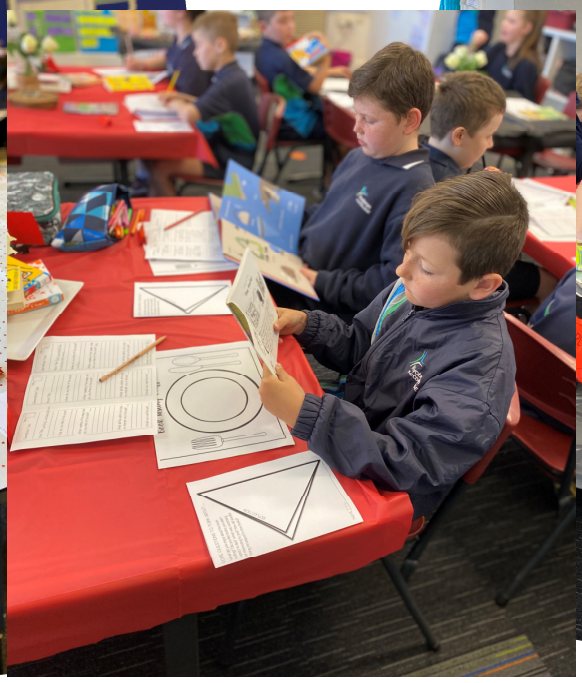
Dress in Footy Colours or Favourite Book Character

Secondary

Dress in Footy Colours

No Cost

Friday 23 October - Public Holiday

Grade 3/4 Book Tasting

All grade 3/4 classes enjoyed a Book Tasting as part of their reading lesson. After invitations were sent last week, the students came to their class to see a restaurant had been set up. There were tables decorated with cloths and name tags. Students were welcomed and their reservations checked. When students were seated, they selected a book from a platter. After tasting their book, looking at the front cover and reading the blurb students read the first two or three pages. They completed a Book Tasting sheet, rating the book and listing features they noticed. The lesson was a terrific way for students to be immersed in a range of books, most of them new books and never seen by them, many different genres and new authors. Most students have selected books they would like to independently read. This is an important part of the process in getting the students ready for their upcoming Literature Circles to promote deep level thinking and an enjoyment for reading. What a great way to share their love of reading.