

# CHANNELS

## Primary Campus



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### Important dates

19-26 Feb	3/4 Swimming Program
25 Feb	Gr 3-6 Campaspe Swimming
1 Mar	Pupil Free Day
3 Mar	'Grease' Production Opening Night
4 Mar	'Grease' Production Show Night
5 Mar	'Grease' Production Show Night
5 Mar	Gr 5-6 Lawn Bowls in Moama
8 Mar	Labour Day Holiday
12 Mar	Gr 5/6 Tennis Trials in Echuca
18 Mar	Regional Swimming
22 Mar	Regional Tennis
26 Mar	Primary School Photos
26 Mar	Gr 5/6 Teams Tennis in Echuca
1 April	Last Day Term 1 2:20pm Dismissal
19 Apr	First Day Term 2

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

## Principal's Report

**Paul Tozer**

**"Excellence Through Opportunity"**

**Dear Parents and Friends,**

A child's education is a partnership predominantly between families and schools. Many other factors within our communities may also have an impact. It is broadly thought that it is the school that has the largest influence in this area, it is of course core business. However, research shows that it is what a student brings with them as they enter the school gates that is the largest determinant of student success at school.

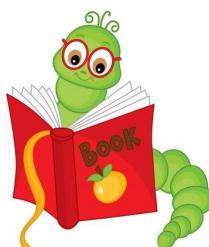
It is for this reason that Kyabram P-12 values so highly our relationships with our families. We know that your support for the school program and support for learning within the home is crucial in setting up a child to be ready for learning. There are countless ways to support your child's education. Many may have started this even before birth, by reading out aloud and decorating a baby's room with stimuli to start their learning journeys. This moves on to reading to a baby and hopefully meeting the goal of a wonderful initiative that supports a child hearing or reading 1000 books before they get to school.

As children move through school, supporting all aspects of the school program and taking an active interest in their learning will help to show children that their education is valued. In general, children are reading less than previously, so encouraging reading at home is an incredibly effective way of supporting your child's learning.

In this edition of Channels, you will see an application for our School Council. This is high level support for not only your child, but for all of the children in our school community. I encourage all of our parents to consider nominating for this important role within our College. I would also like to thank all of our current School Council members who are fantastic in their diligence towards making decisions in the best interests of our students.

**Paul Tozer**  
**College Principal**

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# Primary Principal's Report

Kate Whiford

Once again I must thank our College community for the calm approach and flexibility displayed when faced with the 'snap lockdown'. Although we had little notice and our communications have been restricted to email and social media, everyone adapted quickly to the changes. This time is challenging for all of us, but your help and support is greatly appreciated.

## Class Captains

Each class has nominated two class captains for this term. Captains have the responsibility of reporting to me at our meeting two or three times during the term. We discuss their classroom, the yard and any thoughts and ideas they have for improving our school.



Class	Captains	Class	Captains
Prep Campbell	Benji Lawler and Hadassah Greely	3/4 Barnes	Seb Greely and Vika Yarygin
Prep Porch/Whitley	Jordan Jones and Grace VanBerlo	3/4 Leahy/Kilpatrick	Bryan Marquez and Reet Avasthi
1 Hool	Kade Bramley and Zoe Mangan	3/4 Woolard	Riley Jones and Chloe Reynolds
1 Brennan/Zito	Nate Thomson and Natasha Couzens	5/6 Ross	Mia Munro and Will Penn
1/2 Robbers	Emily VanBerlo and Alex Ferlauto	5/6 Pearson/Pay	Faye Cameron and Dylan Harrap
2 Morden/Burnett	Cooper Ohlsen and Alanna Curling	5/6 Mangan	Aalim Besim and Mitch Wilson
2 Clapp/Acocks	Landon Saunders and Mia Thomson	5/6 Parkinson	Layne Warde and Amaya Schubert
3/4 Smith	Zanna Chapman and Nixon Cottrell	5/6 Smider	Brooke O'Shanassy and Cooper Hedges
3/4 Ross	Isaac Cox and Steph Locke	5/6 Moore/Fitzpatrick	Ruby Barker and Matilda Williams

## Primary Leaders

Congratulations to the students announced as leaders in our Primary Campus for 2021. Thank you for taking on this responsibility. I look forward to working with each of you as the year progresses.



Visual Arts



Performing Arts



Canteen



Sports

# Primary Campus Captains and Vice Captains

Congratulations to our Primary Captains – Amaya Schubert and Layne Warde.



Congratulations to our Primary Vice Captains – Sunny Chamala and Mia Munro.



## Values Awards

Congratulations to the Weekly Award and Shout Out Award winners.



Monday 8th February



## School Arrival Time

As we do not have a staff member on duty until 8:30am, students should not be in the school yard until this time.

Thankyou for your help with this.



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Primary Campus Principal  
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## Play Equipment – Age Appropriate

Each of our playgrounds are built for a specific age group for safety and insurance reasons.

Students (and parents) are reminded to play on the correct playground at all times, including before and after school. This is also one of our campus yard agreements.

Thank you for your help with this.





## Team VIC Trials

Sarah Mangan

Do you perform at a high level in your chosen sport? Have you thought about registering for Team Vic? If you are interested in registering please check out the information on this site <https://www.ssv.vic.edu.au/team-vic>.

Then contact Sarah Mangan (Primary) or Katelyn Walsh-Shannon (Secondary) to see if you are eligible to apply. Please be aware that some trials have closed and others close soon (1<sup>st</sup> March).

## Business Manager's Report

Jan Prior

### Privacy

Kyabram P-12 College values the privacy of our students and families. Our College collects, uses, discloses and stores student and parent personal information for standard school functions under the direction where permitted by law, as stated in the [Schools' Privacy Policy](#).

Please take time to remind yourself of the school's collection statement, found on our website. Our College policies can be found at <http://www.kyabram-p-12.vic.edu.au/> under the 'School Documents' tab. We recommend using Chrome as your internet browser for this.

For more information about privacy, refer to: [Schools' Privacy Policy — information for parents](#).

### COVID-19—what we are doing

#### OPEN FOR BUSINESS

Thank you to our families for your support of the recent five day lock down. Over this period our offices remained open with reduced staff and limited opening hours. We are now pleased to be again operating as normal with opening hours from Monday – Thursday 8:15 – 4:30pm and 8:15 – 4:00pm Fridays.

Please be assured that we are continuing our increased cleaning regime, sign-ins for visitors and contractors and students are encouraged to bring their own drink bottles to school over this period.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

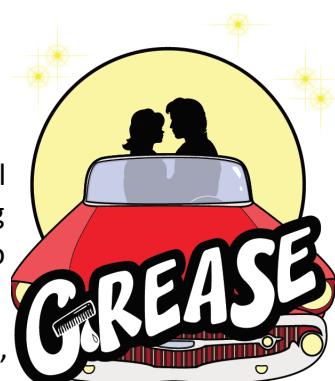
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### GREASE is the word!

The production cast and teachers are excited to announce that we are in the final stages of preparing for our school production and are looking forward to showing everyone the fantastic work the students and staff have done in bringing this Musical to the stage.

The Kyabram P-12 College will present this fun musical at 7:30pm on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup>, Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> and Friday 5<sup>th</sup> of March.



Our senior students and lead characters, Levi Stevens and Reese McDonald, will certainly entertain Kyabram audiences in this version of the musical favourite 'Grease'. Both performers are experienced having appeared in Shepparton's 'Initial Stages' shows in recent years.

Tickets (\$20 Adults \$15 Students/ Concession) can be purchased online through QKR App or via the College Office for community members.

# Kyabram P-12 College Council Elections 2021

## Form 2: NOTICE OF ELECTION AND CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Nominations are now open for four parent vacancies, two staff vacancies, and one student vacancies on our College Council. If you are an enthusiastic parent, student, staff member or community member interested in getting more involved and having a say in what our school is doing, or know someone who is, we would love to hear from you. We are looking for people who are committed to improving the educational outcomes for all our students.

Effective councils have a broad range of experience, skills and expertise. Face-to-face and online training is also available to help councillors develop the skills and knowledge for the job. Parents find their involvement satisfying and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging.

Nominations close on **Friday February 26<sup>th</sup> 2021 at 4:00pm** and forms are available from the College office.

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 2021. Nomination forms for College Council will be available to collect from the offices in our school, from Thursday February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021 and close on Friday February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021. The Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 6:30pm. Please continue reading below for further information.

### **School Council Elections – Information for Parents**

#### **What is a School 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 school 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 School Council?**

There are three possible categories of membership:

- **A mandated elected Parent member 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 school.
- **A mandated elected school employee member category.** Members of this category may make up no more than one third of the total membership of school council. The principal of the college is automatically one of these members.
- **A mandated elected Student member category** – members of this category are enrolled at the school and in Year 7 or above.
- **An optional Community member category** - members are appointed by a decision of the council because of their special skills, interests or experiences. Department 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 school council elections.

#### **Why is Parent membership so important?**

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

Those parents who become active on a school 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 school 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 school and the desire to work in partnership with others to help shape the school'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 school 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.

Department employees whose child is enrolled in a school in which they are not engaged in work are eligible to nominate for Parent membership of the school 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 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 school for help if you would like to stand for election if 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 –

<b><u>Membership category</u></b>	<b><u>Term of office</u></b>	<b><u>Number of positions</u></b>
<b>2021</b>		
Parent member	From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 2021 to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in 2023	4
School employee member	From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 2021 to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in 2023	2
Students	From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 2021 to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in 2023	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.

***Paul Tozer  
College Principal***

# Community Matters

SUNDAY 21st FEB  
10AM - 2PM

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- VICTORY HALL  
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