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Important dates

Scholastic Book Fair on until the 29th October

**22nd October** All students return to on-site learning

> **27th October** Year 12 Exams Begin

> > **1st November** Pupil Free Day

2nd November Melbourne Cup Day Holiday

**12th November** Year 11 - Last day for Semester 2 Classes

> 15th-19th November Year 11 Exam Week

**22nd November** Years 8-12 Flying Start Begins

**3rd December** Final Day for VCE Classes

6th-10th December Year 7 Flying Start

**10th December** Final Day for Year 8-10 Classes

"Kyabram P-12 College is a Child-Safe School" **Acting Principal's Report** 

Kate Whitford "Excellence Through Opportunity"

Dear Parents and Friends,

## **Return to On-site Schooling**

Finally we welcome all students back to school for on-site learning from tomorrow, Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October. Despite the efforts of our entire school community throughout the lockdowns, restrictions and remote learning, I am sure this is welcome news to everyone.

## Final Days for our Year 12 Cohort

Formal Year 12 classes end today and for many their first exam will be in a few short days when they sit the English exam on the 27th October. Thank you to their families who have supported them along the way, all while dealing with the effects the pandemic has had on your own lives. The disruptions to their learning have been profound and the completion of their VCE is a significant achievement. I would like to publicly acknowledge the work of our staff in supporting the Class of 2021 and particularly their Year 12 teachers who have gone above and beyond to ensure students received the support they needed at each step and every challenge. We wish our Year 12 students all the best for their upcoming exams, and with their deliberations and decisions about the future.

#### Staffing

On behalf of the school community, I would like to congratulate Mr Mangan on his appointment as the Acting Principal at Nanneella Primary school for 2022. Well done, Tom!

As we finalise classes and staffing for next year, we will work on a replacement for his 5/6 leadership role.

# Attendance Reminders

It is a requirement of the Department of Education and Kyabram P-12 College that all student absences are acknowledged by a parent/guardian. This means that the school must be notified of the reason for the absence by logging onto the Compass Portal or calling the office/attendance line. This procedure helps both parents and the school to provide for the safety of students. Information regarding attendance is available through your Compass parent portal.

Responsibility

**Pupil Free Day** 

Please note, we have a pupil free day on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November (before Melbourne Cup Day). On this day staff across the College begin preparing 2022 class lists, staffing, and reviewing programs and curriculum and planning for the needs of students based on assessments and recommendations.

## National Mental Health Month

October is National Health Month, an opportunity to raise awareness and promote better mental health for all. A range of activities have been developed this year with a view to embrace different community groups and ages to support recovery and foster resilience. This year's theme is: 'Mental Health: Post Pandemic Recovery Challenges and Resilience'

To learn more about this initiative visit <u>https://www.mhfa.org.au/cms/national-mental-health-month-2021</u>.

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# Secondary Principal's Report

Todd Woodfine

#### Year 12 Farewell

I would like to congratulate all of our Year 12 students who have completed their final day of schooling at our College on Thursday. There was a lot of excitement amongst our students as they signed their school shirts, indulged in free coffee and cupcakes (thanks Liz), performed the 'Nutbush' on the oval, had their final walk through the school and finished the day with a farewell BBQ and speeches.

The way our Year 12 students have conducted themselves throughout the year has been astonishing. Invariably, we admire those students who have faced a number of difficult and challenging circumstances, marvel at the determination and organisational skills of our students who held part time jobs, sporting commitments and extra-curricular activities, whilst dealing with transitioning back and forth from remote learning to our onsite program.

I would like to take this opportunity to recognise and thank our parents and families of our Year 12 students who have provided guidance and support throughout the year. I'd like to personally thank our Staff who always work tirelessly in challenging our students to achieve the results of which they are capable.

I would also like to acknowledge and congratulate our College Captains – Charlee Booth and Jack Norris. You have both displayed sound leadership skills, you have more than fulfilled the requirements of your roles and responsibilities and have been an active role model for current and future student leaders at our College. Well, done.

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# **College Captains Message**

"My time at Kyabram P-12 College, as College Captain, has been an incredible experience. I am beyond grateful for every opportunity I have been given, to represent the school, the community and my generation of young adults. I could not have asked for a better leadership team to learn from, and have gained lifelong skills from each of them in my time as College Captain. This year has been both challenging and rewarding for me as a student, but I will be forever grateful for all I have learnt" *Charlee Booth* 

"As I embark on my final week of schooling for the last 13 years, so is my time of having the absolute honour and privileged that I have been granted with as serving as your College Captain for 2021. I have always dreamt of serving one day as a College Captain at Kyabram P-12 College and I cannot be more thankful of my peers, teachers, staff and the wider College community of gifting me this such honour and privilege of serving as your leader and your voice of our College. 350 days on and I have loved every minute of the journey, all serving alongside Charlee (who previously I was fortunate and lucky to work with both as Primary College Captains back in 2015), senior leadership team, teachers, staff and of course my peers". Jack Norris

"For the Class of 2022, you have been doing it just as tough as your predecessors, but this significance will not impact you all on the journey that you all are about to embark on. My piece of advice or wisdom is that you enjoy every moment as you possibly can, because you don't know whether it will be your last. But also look after yourself as well, there will be times where you feel as you're on top of the world and then there will be times where you feel as you're in such a deep hole. This is why it's so important to have our social interactions and having such a supportive family and friends surrounding us all to uplift and motivate ourselves". *Charlee and Jack* 

# Sun Smart School

A friendly reminder to families that we are a SunSmart school and staff and students are required to wear a broad brim hat when outside in the school yard. I am also very pleased with the large number of students in full school uniform. A uniform dress code reinforces in students a pride in their own appearance, instils recognition of themselves as an integral part of the school community, and assists in developing pride in representing their school.

### Face Masks

School staff and secondary school students must wear a face mask at all times indoors and outdoors when at school.



If students are seen not wearing a face mask – the student will be sent home. Our College does have some masks available in the event of damage or loss, however, this supply is very limited and we are not able to provide each student with masks.

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# **Acting Primary Principal's Report**

Tom Mangan

# **Return to Face to Face**

It has been fantastic to see all our students back on site part time and I am looking forward to getting back into routines with everyone on site full time from Friday. With more parents and cars around the school during drop off and pick up times it is important to remember safety. We have had some instances of cars not parking correctly making it difficult for our busses to turn as required.

# 2022 Enrolments

Reminder that as we approach the end of 2021 we are finalising all things in preparation for 2022 it is important to ensure our numbers are up to date. Please make sure enrolment forms are completed and returned to the office for any new students.

# Hats, Drink Bottles, Sunscreen

Please ensure your child has a named hat and drink bottle as the weather continues to warm up. Students are also encouraged to bring sunscreen to apply.







## Attendance

With all students returning to face to face learning it is important that students are at school engaging in their learning as often as possible. It has been great to see the students enjoying their social interactions with peers the last few weeks. These social connections and learning suffer when students have high numbers of absences.

### Face Masks

We ask that all students from Year 3 to 6 attend school with an appropriate face mask which is required to be worn indoors only. While the College does have some masks available in the event of damage or loss, this supply is very limited, and we are not able to provide each student with masks. P-2

students are encouraged to wear a mask but this is not a requirement.

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# **Business Manager's Report**

**Jan Prior** 

## Code Red Days - Impact on School Bus Network

Please be advised that on days that have been declared 'Code Red,' the School Bus Network is not permitted to operate. Families will need to make alternate travel arrangements on these days.

Full details have been emailed to all bus travellers. Please contact the College if you did not receive this or require further information.

# Years 7-12 Virtual Bookstall 2022 – Reminder

All families have been emailed their booklists for 2022 in Years 7 –12. Just a reminder that book orders placed by October 25th are guaranteed free home delivery from Campion and also guaranteed to arrive in time for flying start (early commencement program).

If you have not received information about this, please contact the Office on 58512100 urgently.

### Office Opening Hours—Return from Remote Learning

Now that all of our year levels are back to onsite learning, the Office Hours will resume at 8:15am to 4:30 pm Monday to Thursday and from 8:15 till 4:00 pm on Fridays.

#### I-Pad Draw 2021

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, 2021 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. Family Statements will be emailed out over the next week, so that families can see their progress re their payment plans.



# Churinga

We are beginning to get excited! Each year our Churinga magazine showcases the College's events. This is a great magazine which looks over the year's events and is a keepsake for students for the future, to remember their years at the College.

The 2021 Churinga magazine is currently being finalised and will be ready before the end of the school year. If you would like a copy, please pay \$15 at the College office by the end of November.

Generally speaking, the meaning of the word Churinga is an indigenous term and denotes a stone or wooden object which holds together legends and stories. A great way to hold the memories of our school years.



### **Positions Available**

Would you like to gain workplace skills and experience?

For 2022 we have two support positions across the College and we are excited to be offering these for 2022. These are:

· Sports Assistant

 $\cdot$  Technology / Arts Assistant

Start date will be January 28th 2022 and applications close on Friday November 15<sup>th.</sup>

Please apply to: The Principal, PO Box 384, Kyabram 3619 with a current resume.

Visit <u>www.kyabramp-12.vic.edu.au</u>or call in at the College Office for a position description and Key Selection Criteria.

Jan Prior jan.prior@education.vic.gov.au



Sue Meeking

P-2 Colour Me Happy Concert

The show will go on!

An alternative date has been pencilled in for the P-2 Concert. We are looking at December 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> with a 7p.m. show on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> and a day performance over the lunch hour on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup>. This means only one night show on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> which will be specifically for those who work and cannot use a lunch break the next day to attend.

There is always an element of doubt planning during restrictions so we want you to know that the children will perform their items either in two live concerts or on film for their families to enjoy.

Remember the costume items: black shoes and socks and plain blue pants will need to be in a named bag, at school, at the beginning of December. We will understand if school uniform is slightly compromised during concert week.

We will still be looking for helpers so return the helpers notice to Sue now, please.

Tickets will be sold at the door each concert night.

Any enquiries can be directed to Sue Meeking <a href="mailto:susan.meeking@education.vic.gov.au">susan.meeking@education.vic.gov.au</a>

# State Schools Spectacular

#### Sue Meeking

It is possible that our Grade 5/6 students will form a team of 20 to send to State Schools Spectacular 2022. At this stage we are looking for interested students, from Grades 5 and 6 2022, to see if we have 20 who would like to have this incredible musical experience. We train most of the year for a show which usually takes place at the tennis centre, Melbourne, in September. If you enjoy high standard singing and theatrical performance THIS IS FOR YOU!

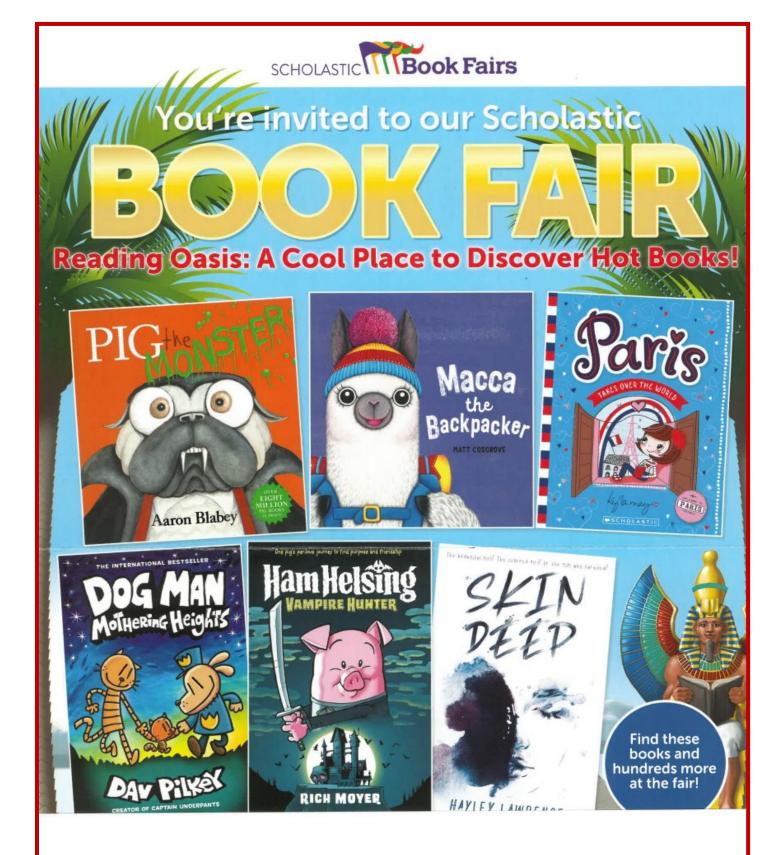
There is a cost to families due to bus and accommodation expenses. Approximately \$150. We fund raise to keep costs down under this mark.

If you are wishing to keep a place for your child please email <u>susan.meeking@education.vic.gov.au</u> or telephone 0417721624. More information will be forthcoming before our final application early 2022.

# Sports Update – Term 4

#### Katelyn Walsh-Shannon

It is with great regret to inform you that all Loddon-Mallee region sports left on the calendar for the remainder of 2021 has been cancelled. Thank you to everyone for the continued support, can't wait to get back into sports for 2022!



# The Book Fair has now been extended to Friday 29th October

Students can purchase books during Recess, Lunchtime and Afterschool until 4:00pm. Email Jenny Sargant for all Book Fair enquires at: <u>Jennifer.Sargant@education.vic.gov.au</u>

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Resilience

Doing Your Best

# **Community News**

Places still available for 2022

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EXCITING NEWS! Campaspe Council now coordinates enrolments for Fenaughty Street, Unwin Street and Girgarre Kindergartens Enrol to

Visit campaspe.vic.gov.au to enrol today, or scan the QR Code

