

CHANNELS



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Important dates

4th April

Year 7-12 Teams Tennis

Secondary Junior Tennis

Primary Region Tennis

5th April

PUPIL FREE DAY

7th April

Primary Regional Bowls

Prep-Year 8 Cross Country

8th April

Last Day of Term 1

2:20pm Dismissal

26th April

First Day of Term 2

29th April

VCE and Careers Expo

3rd May

Senior Boys Football

4th May

Prep-2 Bravehearts Ditto's Keep

Safe Adventure Program

Courage to Care - Echuca

5th May

VCE Geography Fieldwork

Hands on Careers Expo

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

Acting Principal's Report

Kate Whitford

"Excellence Through Opportunity"

Dear Parents and Friends,

Thank You

I would like to thank our staff, parents and entire school community for the calm way you have all supported our students and one another this term. It is still a challenging time for everyone as we navigate our way through the ever-changing restrictions around Covid. But despite the challenges, large positive case numbers and the severe impact on staffing, we have made it through to the of the term without a lockdown. Not only have we survived but we have continued to provide numerous extra activities for our students – year 7 camp, lawn bowls, teams tennis, Study arts excursion, Billy tea Bush dance, visiting performances, Mock interviews, swimming sports, swimming lessons, Torquay Surf camp, Junior park rangers, Bullying No way – dress up, school photos, parent teacher Interviews, smoking ceremony, BE Wise presentation, NAPLAN online practice tests, Badminton, Cross Country, Clean up Australia event, Tongala Industry Day and Senior Cricket.

Pupil Free Day

Next Tuesday, 5th April we will have our Pupil free day for this term. We held this off until late in the term to lessen the impact on learning and ensure a settled and productive start for all students. Throughout the day staff will work in Professional Learning Communities focussing on current student data to inform their term 2 planning and to improve the teaching and learning in their areas. This work will be supported by the our Regional Education Improvement Leader.

Staff Farewells

On behalf of everyone here at Kyabram P-12 College I would like to take this opportunity to thank the following staff who will not be returning next term because they will be on leave or have successfully obtained work elsewhere- Alice Tindale, Russell Thorn and Josh Thurston.

Final Chapter

I write my final piece for channels with a combination of sadness and excitement. As most of you will be aware I finish up next Friday. When school returns after the holidays I will be at Rochester Primary School. It is somewhat hard to imagine not being part of the future at the college, but I am a firm believer that opportunities should be taken when they present themselves and change is good for everyone, even if it is difficult to start with.

I would like to thank the school community for your support over the past 16 years. I have made some great friends and worked with many wonderful people who have mentored, guided, taught and challenged me. I could honestly not speak more highly or be prouder of the improvement journey we have been on and the contribution you have all made. The willingness of staff to reflect on their practices, review processes and introduce and trial new initiatives to improve student engagement and learning is second to none. I consider myself to have been extremely lucky.

I sincerely look forward to seeing some of the building plans finally come to fruition and hearing the great things I know will continue to happen at Kyabram P-12 College.

I would like to wish all of our families a happy, safe and relaxing Easter break. Term 2 commences on Tuesday the 26th April.

Kate Whitford

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Kate Whitford – THANK YOU

Congratulations goes to Kate Whitford for her outstanding contribution to our college over the past sixteen years.

Kate has played a pivotal role and her achievements are evident across many areas.

Kate began as a classroom teacher in our Grade 3/4 classes and quickly stepped into the role of Leading Teacher for this Team and from here was appointed to the Primary Principal position.

Kate has been a member of the College Council for most of her time with us and has played an important role in the merger of our three Kyabram campuses, helping to lead the way forward and support the transition to one college.

Kate has also been a great ambassador for our college in our community; being part of many groups – including supporting sporting groups across the Kyabram district. Not only has Kate been a stellar member of our college community, her family of four children have also been part of our school life.

I would have to say to Kate's strongest attribute is her ability to create and maintain relationships with students, staff and parents.

We wish Kate all the success of the next part of her career as Principal of Rochester Primary School and look forward to keeping in touch via our local school networks.

Dale Denham
College Council President

7-12 Campus Principal Report

Louise Mellington

Term One has come to an end and what a busy term it has been. We have had swimming sports, various interschool sporting events, a VCE Outdoor Education camp, a Year 7 camp, various guest speakers into our College, mock interviews for our VCAL students, a Tongala Industry Day, staff attending professional development to further improving teaching and learning, and we have juggled that with a large number of staff impacted by illness and COVID related absences.

Next term is already looking busy with the Year 10 Careers Camp, the debutante ball, our 2023 Year 7 Discovery Night and beginning the process of selecting subjects for 2023 with our students going in to Year 10-12.

Uniform

Over the term break could all parents check that their child has the uniform items that they need to be in full school uniform. Hoodies are not accepted uniform items for students, with the exception of Year 12 students who have their Year 12 polos and hoodies. Black puffer jackets are also not accepted school uniform items and students are asked to wear the College jacket if they feel they require a jacket in the cooler months ahead. We have a College beanie and students are permitted to wear these but not in class. If you need support with accessing correct uniform please contact our College office.

Homework and Set Tasks

Thank you to those parents who support us in ensuring that our students keep up-to-date with tasks set for them to complete in and out of class. A number of students have overdue work tasks and the term break is an opportunity for students to catch up so that when they return, they are up-to-date. This will be particularly important for our VCE students as they go in to a very busy Term 2 which is only 9 weeks. Mid-year exams will be held for Year 10-12 students June 15-17. These exams will cover all content covered in Semester 1.

I hope that everyone has a wonderful break and that everyone comes back well refreshed and ready to learn.

Louise Mellington

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Primary Principal's Report

Todd Woodfine

I read an article recently on student absences. It stated; "Encouraging regular school attendance is one of the most powerful ways you can prepare your child for success—both in school and in life. When you make school attendance a priority, you help your child get better grades, develop healthy life habits, avoid dangerous behavior and have a better chance of graduating from school."

Furthermore, "As a parent, you can prepare your child for a lifetime of success by making regular school attendance a priority".

When students attend school on a regular basis, their performance and grades will often improve and they will feel more connected to school and their local community. Students will also develop important social skills and friendships and by attending school regularly, they will set themselves up for a strong future.

I am impressed with the wide variety of in-school programs and extra-curricular activities our primary campus has been able to offer our students throughout Term one. There are so many activities for students to be engaged and connected to our college and community; including Drama performances – grade prep-2 Fairy-tale Cookbook and grade 5-6 Improvaganza, Lunchtime dance activities, Grade 3-4 Billy Tea Bush Band Dance Workshop, Junior Park Ranges, Enviro Warriors, Little Laps Club, Teams Tennis and Regional Tennis tournaments, Regional Bowls tournament, Grade 5-6 Friday Rec Sports Activities, our P-8 cross country event, and on Thursday we conducted our official Mural opening ceremony, a project arranged by the Victorian Regional Arts School Scheme.

I would like to thank all of our staff who continue to build school pride, enhance student engagement and connectedness through co-designing opportunities for our students throughout this term.

Todd Woodfine

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Primary Canteen News

Ice Cream cones will not be available to order in Term 2 and Term 3. Thank you to the parents, grandparents and friends who have replied to be volunteers in our Canteen, it is greatly appreciated. We will be in touch soon to arrange a date for you to come and help. A reminder that the online orders close at 9:15am each morning.

Business Managers Report

Jan Prior

Office Relocation

With our upcoming building program beginning at the end of term two, the Administration Team are busy preparing for their move to one College Office.

From the first day of term 2, our Office Reception, across P-12 will be located at the current Primary Office area. Below are some snapshots of the new build office design we are looking forward to in 2023.



I would also like to thank our Administration Team who have been planning for this consolidation to one office for some time. You will still see the usual faces to help you including: Judy Ross, Janine Kreymborg, Linda Clancy, Kate O'Neill, Trish Castles, Diana Archer and we are also welcoming some new members to the Team: Sheridan Barnes and Casey Spencer.

Kyabram Charities Raffle

Our College is proud to be partnering with the Kyabram Charities Raffle Committee. Funds raised from this group will be shared with Henley Friends, Kyabram Guides, Kyabram Town Hall, K.C.L.C. and Kyabram P-12 College. Thank you to our parents who have purchased tickets via our QKR App

Funds raised for our college will be used to upgrade and improve the playground facilities and we are aiming to install new fitness stations which will be available for student and community use.

Great prizes are on offer including: \$5,200 to spend on your choice of a ride on mower; groceries; furniture; electrical goods; or a holiday. Ticket price is \$2 and will be drawn on July 31st 2022.



Tickets are now on sale at our College Office and parents can also purchase tickets online by the QKR App. Getting started to download the App is easy either by iPhone, iPad or on Android. The college also uses QKR for a range of options including daily online canteen ordering. If you need any help or would like further information please contact our Office Team.



Compass – Voluntary Payments now Available

Did you know when you log into your Compass Parent Portal, you can now pay for your voluntary contributions, Instrumental Music and Churinga School Magazine. Just click on the 'payment centre' and it will take you to the payment area. Another quick and easy way to support the College.

Churinga Magazine



Thank you to our families for your patience whilst we finalise 2021 Churinga which has been delayed. We are excited to let families know that this will be available early in term two and will be either sent home or posted to families who have purchased this.

P-12 Sports Report

Sarah Mangan, Kaillyn Souter and Kelsey O'Neill
SECONDARY BOWLS



Congratulations to all our lawn bowlers on a great day at Tongala on Thursday. Huge congrats to our senior team Jorja, Olivia and Riley for coming first in the seniors and making it to next level. Also congrats to Tyler, Bailey and Isaiah for coming 2nd in Juniors. All our students were fantastic. Thank you to the parents who volunteered to take them.

5/6 CAMPASPE TEAMS TENNIS

Well done to our students that competed in Campaspe Teams Tennis last Friday. They played well and represented our College proudly.

Results:

- 🎾 Girls - 4th
- 🎾 Boys - Runners up
- 🎾 Reserve team - Pool runners up



Huge thanks to Mrs Fitz, Chris and Kelsey for helping the day run smoothly. Thanks also to David for the work he has done at lunchtimes selecting our teams.

PREP – YEAR 8 CROSS COUNTRY IS ALMOST HERE! 🏃

Thursday 7th April

Approximate run times:

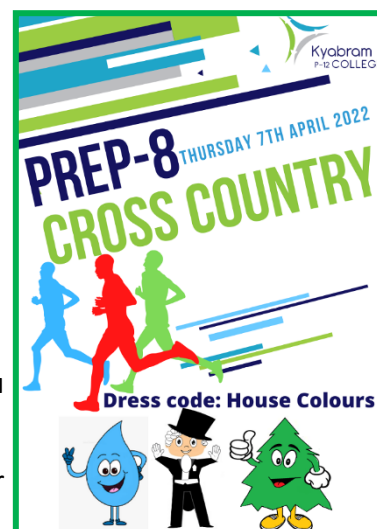
- 🏃 Year 7/8 - from 10am
- 🏃 Prep/1/2 - from 11:30am
- 🏃 Grade 3/4, 3-6 walk, 5/6 - from approx. 12:15pm

🏃 Students in Prep-8 will be invited to wear their house colours (make sure you have your shoulders covered and have your running shoes).

🏃 Students will have the option of walking a shorter distance if they are injured or choose not to run.

🏃 Sausages will be for sale to raise money for State Schools Spectacular (Secondary can buy on the day for \$2 and Primary will have an order form sent home).

🏃 SPECTATORS WELCOME! Please enter via the Haslem Street or Fischer Street gates to the primary Campus only, and show your vaccination certificate.



SCHOOL FUN RUN

Fund raising has now closed. Please log on to your account and order your prizes by Wednesday 6th April – if you don't order you will miss out!

Hurry!!! Fundraising closes this Wednesday at midnight!

Funds raised go towards providing equipment, coaching and subsidised sporting activities to increase our students' participation in physical activity. We are hoping to have raised enough to upgrade some playing surfaces around our College.

Remember if you have raised funds you will have free entry into our Splash and Dash Colour run in term 4.

REGIONALS

We would like to wish our Primary Lawn Bowls team as well as Tayla and Kade who are playing tennis, the best of luck for next week's Regional Competition in Swan Hill. Tayla is involved in both!

Values Awards

Congratulations to the Weekly Award and Shout Out Award winners.



Monday 21st March



Monday 28th March

JUNIOR PARK RANGERS

Barb Buckell - Wellbeing Team

Junior Park Rangers has started again. Four students are travelling to the Kyabram Fauna Park each Monday for the next 10 weeks to be part of this exciting program. There are many changes happening at the Fauna Park and these students are fortunate to be part of this educational experience. They are participating with students from St Augustine's College and Twin Rivers Special School.

So far they have had a tour of the Fauna Park, painted some nesting boxes and met the emus and cassowary. Next week they get up close and personal with the reptiles, non-venomous ones of course.



ANTI-BULLYING AWARENESS DAY

Liz Spicer - Chaplain

The Anti-bullying awareness day was combined with "Dollys dream" this year Kelly Smith a year 12 student and Liz Spicer Chaplain promoted the anti-bullying competition last week.

They also spoke to many classes of students explaining what bullying was. And putting forward the saying "Treat other as you would like to be treated".

Many students are entering the anti-bullying competition and vying for the incredible prizes on offer. Competition closes after the holidays so get your poster, story or video in soon.



GRADE 5/6 GARDENING GROUP

Carlie Whitford

Last Tuesday (22nd March), the Grade 5/6 gardening group was lucky enough to welcome Melany, from Echuca Bunnings, who helped spruce up one of the gardens in the Grade 5/6 eating area. Echuca Bunnings was able to provide the group with some more gardening tools, bags of fertilised soil and some native plants that the students have now planted in the garden. Some of the plants are from the Bunnings 'Tucker Bush' range, so when the plants are more mature, they will be full of edible fruits, nuts, seeds and leaves! We would like to thank Melany and Echuca Bunnings for helping us to create this amazing garden and for providing the gardening students with this great opportunity.

Tatura SMART FARM Visit

Matt McCready



On the 22nd of February 20 students and 3 staff from Kyabram P-12 College and East Loddon P-12 College visited the Tatura Smart Farm to participate in an educational information session regarding Agricultural and Horticultural technology. Students were welcomed to the facility with a vast number key examples of technology that was both innovative and practical. Students were amazed that such a facility was playing such a part of their agricultural and horticultural futures and for some the visit really helped to clarify a future pathway.

Students were given a tour of the sundial farm, shown key monitoring sites and spoken to about the range of benefits from gathering data. Staff and students were invited to ask questions about the use of data from such areas as soil moisture, sunlight hours, temperature, wind speed and direction and how these variables influence fruit growing conditions and production. This was a great lead in experience for students to then be able to go on and participate in making and using a soil moisture metre in the laboratory section of the trip.



The varieties of fruit that is grown at the Tatura facility is truly staggering. The detailed explanations that were delivered to students about international markets and selection specifications was terrific. An eye opener for many. Over 160 different varieties of pears, both staff and students were taken aback by this. It was pleasing to see that students were able to ask questions and have them answered by experts in their field, such a beneficial experience, one students' across the country have greatly missed over the last 2 years. Staff and students from Kyabram P-12 College and East-Loddon P-12 College are greatly appreciative to the dedicated staff that shared their knowledge and facilitated a meaningful educational experience.

GOOD FRIDAY APPEAL

FUNDRAISER



This fundraiser will be held from Monday, 21st March - Friday, 8th April.

We hope to raise as much money as possible throughout the Kyabram P-12 College.

The main goal is to raise as much money as we can in 5 cent pieces, but any donation is more than welcome.

The money tins are placed at the front office, this is where you can put your donation. Please put it in the jar that has your year level on it. We welcome family and friends to contribute in donations.

On Friday, 8th April it will be announced which year level has raised the most money and what the overall total is of the school combined.

The money raised will be donated on behalf of the Kyabram P-12 College by the Kyabram Fire Brigade. All proceeds will go towards the Good Friday Appeal, which raises funds to the Royal Children's Hospital.



Community News



HOLIDAY ACTIVITY FUN BOOK

Keep the kids occupied during the upcoming holidays with a Walker Real Estate Easter Activity Book.

*Activity books will be available to collect at the School Front office or Walker Real Estate from **Mon 4th April**.*



Drop your entry into **202 Allan Street, Kyabram** before 5pm Wed 13th April for your chance to win an Easter Egg Hamper

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GIFT Fundraiser

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2nd prize - Fusion Typhoon Salon hair dryer and Body Shop pack valued at \$210


3rd prize - Fusion Curling wand and Body Shop pack valued at \$120

Tickets: \$50
(only 250 available)

all proceeds to The Gift Inc Kyabram supporting Claudia Moore's head shave.

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TICKETS: \$50

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Holiday Fun In Kyabram



FREE activities these April school holidays!

<p>Saturday, 9 April 10am - 1pm Live Music by Drew Walker in Allan Street</p> <p>Monday, 11 April 9.30 - 11.30am Texta Tye Dye Activity Station at Jaycee Park</p>	<p>Wednesday, 13 April 1 - 3pm Bubblemania Activity Station at Jaycee Park</p> <p>6.30pm Rotary Club of Kyabram Easter Egg Hunt and Outdoor Cinema (showing 'Hop') at Edis Park</p> <p>Thursday, 14 April 10.30am Valanga Khoza performs at Kyabram Library</p>	<p>Saturday, 16 April 10am - 1pm Live Music by Drew Walker in Allan Street</p> <p>Wednesday, 20 April 10am - 12noon Camel Rides at Edis Park</p> <p>Friday, 22 April 9.30 - 11.30am Whacky Worms Activity Station: TwistED Science at Jaycee Park</p>
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