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Important Dates For Term 2 - 2009

JUNE		
Wednesday	17th June	College Council Meeting
Thursday	18 th June	Presentation Ball Photo Viewing Night – 5:30pm – 8:00pm
Tuesday	23 rd June	Journey Celebration Expo
Friday	26th June	Last Day of Term 2

Principals Message

It's time!

"They say that time changes things, but you actually have to change them yourself" Andy Warhol

It is a very important time for everyone at present, it is a time for honest reflection and more importantly a time for action.

Year 7-9 students have completed their NAPLAN testing and finalising presentations of their units and journeys.

Year 10 have finished their work experience and exams. Later years students are working on their final SACs and many students are completing the first VCE exams and the GAT.

Year 11 students are preparing for the Presentation Ball and our Rock Eisteddfod rehearsals have begun. Sport continues to challenge our students as they represent our school in Zone and State finals.

It is a very busy time and staff are preparing to make judgments about student achievement and write semester reports. We are all proud of our student's achievements and have recognised their efforts in all facets of their experiences in recent assemblies.

Now is a time for students and families to reflect on the experiences and achievements and set clear goals for the remainder of the year and beyond.

A simple goal which can be more easily achieved is improved attendance.

Recent studies have shown that full and continuous attendance is a major contributor to academic success and school connectedness.

The College has redeveloped our attendance policy and processes for monitoring student attendance. Increased communication with home through email, SMS and follow up phone calls will be used to inform parents of any concerns and more timely attendance reports will be sent home.

Students with high absence rates will be interviewed and action plans developed to improve attendance and provide opportunities for completing missed work.

Please help your child reach their full potential by insisting on full attendance and inform home- group teachers promptly of any absence, reasons for absences and to negotiate alternative work plans.

John Shaw

Assistant Principal

Update Your Personal Details

Parents will be receiving a formal request in the mail to review their *student information details*. It is important for the College to be advised of any changes to student or parent details; this is to ensure that we are adequately able to meet the needs of both the student and the parent. One critical aspect of the details involves information about the SFO (Student Family Occupation). In these difficult financial times families are being affected, both locally and globally on many levels. As a result, some families find that their financial situation has changed in line with a change in their status of employment. Any such change must be reflected in the provision of updated and accurate information to schools. This is then reflected back to the school community through government funding for the 2010 school year. Schools rely on accurate parent information to support their allocation of funding to run their programs. Any change in employment may also change the eligibility for families to receive Educational Maintenance Allowance in 2010. At this time we ask that you critically review the details that have been provided to you, make any necessary changes, and return the forms to the College by 12th June.

Any questions can be directed to Ms Barbara Douglass- Business Manager, or Ms Joanne Wastle- Assistant Principal.

Science News

The Science competition was held on Wednesday, 10th June. The school will be notified of results early next term. Thank you for encouraging your child to participate.

The Science Show for year 8 students will be held next Thursday, 18th June. Please make the payment of \$3.00 to the front office. This show guarantees an hour of fun, motivation and excitement.

Year 9 students will be having their science semester examination in week 10.

Siemens Science Summer School for year 9 students. Applications are now open. This is a 3 day workshop held at various universities around Melbourne from September this year to January next year. The cost is \$105.00 per student. The local Rotary club is willing to sponsor applicants. Students are to see their science teacher or Mr Chand.

The Australian National Chemistry Quiz. Entry to this competition is now open. This quiz is for students who enjoy the subject, Chemistry. Students in Years 10 to 12 can participate. Entries close 30th June.

One of our students has applied to go to the prestigious National Science Youth Forum in Perth. The local Rotary club is the sponsor.

English News

Here are the results of the Kambrya spelling bee:

3rd Place - Jaelyn Tabakoff

2nd Place - Gagan Walia

1st Place - Trent Robertson

It was a fantastic competition with about 15 students entering the finals. The words got harder and harder and most kids just kept hanging on! The final three were exceptional, but Trent Robertson of G8A could not be beaten.

Camps Update

Year 7 Camp Woorabinda 2009 - Gwonawa Community

Due to low camp numbers across the Bulen and Gwonawa communities. We have decided to combine the two community's camps. This will enable students the opportunity to meet a broader number of students and allow the camp experience to be a more positive one. The date of the **GWONAWA** camp will be changing. Please note the **NEW** camp date for **Gwonawa** students below.

WARIN Tuesday

21st July to Friday 24th July

GWONAWA & BULEN BULEN Tuesday

28th July to Friday 31st July

MIRRIM Tuesday

4th August to Friday 7th August

The total cost for the camp is \$200. The remaining \$150 to be paid in full by 15th June, 2009 for all Year 7 camps.

Helpful tips for learning another language

Reporting time is always a good time to reflect with your child on their current progress. Here are a few strategies provided by the Kambrya College Language B team that you can implement with your child, at home:

Know your scripts: the German Alphabet, hiragana, katakana and kanji! Students need to practise regularly. They don't have to spend a large amount of time practising their scripts, but they do need to practise regularly. Have hiragana and katakana charts/vocabulary lists with you when you watch TV and go over them during the ad breaks.

Label things around your home/your child's bedroom with the Japanese/German word for each item. Your child will remember vocabulary for things around the home much quicker this way.

Create vocabulary flashcards - small cards that can fit in a wallet or bag with a Japanese/German word (written in the target language) on one side and its English meaning on the other side. Identify words that your child is having trouble remembering and focus on these first. Have your child carry the cards around with them and go through them each time they have a spare moment (waiting at the bus stop, during a car trip, etc.)

Advise your child not to be afraid to make mistakes. No-one ever learnt anything from getting it right the first time!

Advise your child to ask questions in class about the language. If they are unsure of something, or something doesn't seem to be making sense, they should ask for clarification.

Encourage your child to use their class time wisely. They sit in Japanese/German classes for only a couple hours out of a 168 hour week! Profit from the opportunities that are provided during class time.

Enjoy! Learning a second language can be fun - it helps your child gain access to a different culture and all the music, films, people, places and friendships that go with it. If they are frustrated trying to learn a new word or grammar pattern, ask them to take a break and come back to their studies later.

Arts News

It has been a very busy term and it's hard to believe that we are in week 8 already. But as the semester draws to a close there are many events that students are preparing for.

Journey Celebration evening

The Journey Celebration is going to be held on Tuesday 23rd June at the Kambrya College Theatre. This is an opportunity for both the dance and music journey to perform for a live audience and showcase all the amazing work they have put together over the course of the semester. It also provides the catering journey the opportunity to cook for a large group of people and to serve refreshments during the intermission. The celebration is open to anyone who would like to attend. Tickets can be purchased from the front office for the bargain price of \$5. Student groups must be accompanied by an adult. The show begins at 6pm. It has always been a huge success and a highlight for these year 9 students and we know this year will be no different.

Rock Eisteddfod

The Rock Eisteddfod dates have been confirmed. Kambrya College will be performing on Wednesday 12th August. Students have been working hard through lunchtimes, after school and weekend rehearsals to put together this large task. Performers have also been involved in painting sets. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all the students and especially the parents that have been making this all possible. Backstage students will soon be called into rehearsals as well so any students interested should keep their eyes open for announcements. The holiday rehearsal schedule will also be released soon so students are aware when they will be required.

Senior Drama Play

Students completing year 11 and 12 drama put on a performance of their course work on Tuesday 26th May. It was a great success with all students putting in a large amount of effort which paid off in the end. This provides them with excellent practise for their final assessments which take place at the end of the year under much tougher conditions. Thank you to Mr Hewat for organising this event.

Careers News

Kambrya College has a new Careers Coordinator. Hello, my name is Alan Feher. I have been appointed as Leading Teacher in Careers/VET/Maths. I have over 30 years of teaching experience and the last 20 years as Careers Coordinator at my previous school. I was VCE Coordinator when VCE first started in 1990 and I was there when VET (Vocational Education & Training) was first introduced in 1995. I was there when MIPs (Managed Individual Pathways) started in 2001. Now I am here at Kambrya. My colleague Michelle Paterson and I are situated in the D-Block office right next door to the senior coordinators. Any parent or student is most welcome to ring us for a chat about careers or make an appointment.

Here is a brief summary of events that have occurred and some of our goals.

All year 11 students went to the 'The Age Careers Expo' on 24 April held at Caulfield racecourse. Most found the day interesting and students were able to pick up lots of careers related material.

All Year 12 VCE students went to the annual TIS (Tertiary Information Service) held at Monash University on 25 May. Students were introduced to the VTAC (Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre) process as well they were able to pick up the latest information from a wide range of tertiary providers.

As I am writing this article, some VCE students will be having their mid-year exams in the coming week. Getting a good result on these exams is vital to getting a good ENTER score.

Sue Kirkham (Welfare Coordinator) and I ran quite a few study sessions prior to the exams for year 11 and 12 students. These were well attended and we are sure students walked away with some useful tips for study.

After the term 2 holidays I am planning on running regular information sessions to year 12 students to assist their preparation for courses next year. These will be held during their spare study sessions. The VTAC Guide will be available sometime in July.

At the beginning of term 3, we will be targeting all year 10 students for their preparation into the senior school. Students will be receiving the JOB GUIDE, useful information about the VCE, VCAL

and VET. As well, I will be giving information sessions to help ease the pain on which direction students should choose and of course Information about the 2012 Tertiary Entrance Requirements. That's right, our current year 10's need to be aware of these requirements before selecting VCE subjects!!!!

Parents of year 10 students will soon be receiving information about MIPs (Managed Individual Pathways). The state government introduced this new initiative in 2001. All students must have a MIPs pathway plan, this is a must requirement. There is room for parents to get involved with some decision making. It's a very tough and complicated world out there and we want to make sure that our students plan ahead and investigate all options as they move from secondary school to either the workforce or further study.

Alan Feher/Michelle Paterson

Narre Warren Library

Here's a great opportunity for students and their parents. If you have ever had trouble finding what you need for assignments our Information Services Librarian will guide you through searching on the web and our library catalogue

This talk will cover:

- Top tips for finding what you want on the Internet.
- What's new in Google and what's happening with other Search engines.
- Subscription databases - how to access them
- The Library catalogue - searching, finding and reserving - its free!

Tuesday 23 June 2009

7-8pm

Narre Warren Library

Overland Drive

Fountain Gate 3805

Bookings Ph. (03) 9704 7696

Sports News

Rugby Storm Clinics

Over the past two weeks students from years 7 and 8 have been involved in the rugby clinics run by Melbourne Storm Coaches. The clinics turned out to be very popular amongst students and provided them with a safe and fun environment to learn the skills of rugby.

Inter-house Football Competition

The Inter-house football match was played between junior students of years 7-9 and was a great success. It brought out a lot of house spirit and began a good rivalry between houses. Thanks to Mr Hole for running this lunchtime competition. Congratulations Gwonawa who were the Champion house.



Ski Trip

A ski day trip will be running again this year on the 21st of August. This trip is open to students in years 10 and 11. For more information there will be a meeting for interested students on Tuesday 16th of June at Lunchtime.

Year 7 Girls Netball

Our girls had a great fun day at the Netball competition at Dandenong Showgrounds this year, we took out 2 teams and both did very well in the competition, winning many games and barely missed out on going through to the next round.



Community Project

B7B Community Project Supporting Keysborough Animal Shelter

The animal shelter is located at 10 Homeleigh Road, Keysborough, 3173.

Ph- 9798-8415 or 9798-8044

Fax- 9769-0317

Adopt a pet and save a life, every year many pets are put down because they can't find a suitable home for them to live in. The best way to help out would be to adopt a dog, cat or any other animal that is up for adoption. This will not only help the pound but it will be great for you and your new best friend. Another way to help is as simple as making a small donation.

Do not delay, save a life today.

Feel free to contact us at any time.

Ph- 9798-8415 or 9798-8044

Ridgeback - Female - 8 years old - "Bokkie



Bokkie was surrendered to us because her owners were moving. She is a very quiet, easygoing & chilled out older lady who doesn't really make a big deal out of anything. She is very affectionate & if you sit with her on the grass, she will lay her head on your lap & fall asleep while you stroke her beautiful face. Bokkie has had some basic training & she is beautifully housetrained. She enjoys her walks & she would suit a loving & peaceful older home.

Come and Try Day

Healthy4Life

Casey Indoor Sports Centre are holding Healthy4Life

Come & Try Day 28th June.

2pm - 4pm

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Casey RACE

New Holland Drive Cranbourne

All ages welcome to this fun free event.
Refreshments provided.

Only 100 people allowed so you need to book in with Kara before the event!

A bus is available from Cranbourne West Primary School

If you would like transport please contact Kara limited space

59962878 or 4025 354 365

Would You Like To Become A Foster Parent?



You could care for a child in your home for a planned period of time. The aim is to reunite them with their families.

It takes all types of people to help with all types of children.

Our carers are married, defacto, single, gay, lesbian, religious or not, and from a variety of cultures.

Full training, 24hour support & reimbursements are provided.

Relevant screening, police & working with children checks will be conducted to ensure the safety and protection of children.

For more information about Foster care phone: 9212 3900



Up Coming Blue Light Disco

Narre Warren Police Station announces the June and July, Narre Warren - Berwick Blue Light Disco.

The Disco will be held at Berwick Leisure Centre, Manuka Road Berwick on Saturday 6th June and 4th July.

Now for students in years 5 to 8 only, from 6:00pm to 10:00pm, costs \$10.00 each.

Any enquiries please call the Narre Warren Police Station on 9705-3111.

World Education Program

Explore new opportunities beyond the classroom!

Learn all about student exchange, WEP Australia and the 2009/2010 exchange programs available at WEP's upcoming Open Days & Information Evenings.

WEP Open Day 20 June & 15 August

12 noon - 4:00pm

WEP Head Office

*Suite 2, 249 Hampton Street
Hampton*

WEP Info Night 16 June

7:30pm - 9:30pm

*Hawthorn Library Centre
584 Glenferrie Road
Hawthorn / Melbourne*

WEP Info Night 21 July

7:30pm - 9:30pm

*Kingston Arts Centre
979 Nepean Highway
Moorabbin*

A once-in-a-lifetime opportunity! *Students can choose from over 20 countries to live and study with the support of a loving host family, school and community.*

Requesting your information pack is easy!

Contact WEP's office for the cost of a local call 1300 884 733, email info@wep.org.au or visit www.wep.org.au.

WEP Australia is a not-for-profit student exchange organisation registered with the education departments.

CREATIVE WRITING WORKSHOPS

FREE!

Do you like to write?

Are you looking for new ideas and interested in hearing from published authors?

Join a creative writing workshop these school holidays at Narre Warren Library!

PAUL COLLINS

(Author of *The Jelindel Chronicles* and *The Quentaris Chronicles*)

The Hero's Journey

This workshop is for all those who love fantasy work. If you're a fan of *Harry Potter* or the *Twilight* series, then this is for you!

Wednesday 8 July 2009

10.00 am - 12.00 pm
(12 - 14 years)

2.00 pm - 4.00 pm
(15 - 18 years)



SIMMONE HOWELL

(Author of the award-winning novel *Notes From The Teenage Underground*)

Participants will learn to find inspiration for writing from a wide variety of props.

Friday 3 July
2009

1.00 pm - 2.30
pm
(13 - 18 years)



All workshops held at...

NARRE WARREN LIBRARY
Overland Drive, Fountain
Gate

(Melways Ref 100 D4)

Bookings essential.
To register phone 9704 7696.



TTY: 9705 5568 (For the Hearing Impaired)
TIS: 131 450 (Translating and Interpreting Service)



Journey Celebration Expo

Tuesday 23RD June in the
Ian McKenzie Centre

Parents and friends 3:30 – 5:00pm

Music and Dance Journey Showcase from
7pm in the theatre.

Evening tickets available from the front office – \$5.
(pre purchased tickets ONLY, students must be
accompanied by a parent)