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August 21st 2009

Important Dates For Term 3 - 2009

AUGUST		
25 th August	Tuesday	Round Table Conferences 2:30 - 6:30
26 th August	Wednesday	Round Table Conferences 2:30 - 6:30

SEPTEMBER		
13 th September	Sunday	Year 10 students leave for the Central Australia Trip
18 th September	Friday	Last day of term 3
24 th September	Thursday	Year 10 students return from the Central Australia Trip

Principals Message

NEW CRICKET NETS ALMOST COMPLETED

Work on the construction of our new cricket nets is almost complete. The high quality construction, finished with a synthetic pitch will be a fantastic addition to our sports facilities. One pitch will be open to students each day while two others will remain locked for use by sports classes. Visitors Andrew Butterfield and James Rouse from the City of Casey were impressed by the new facility. The officers from Casey were visiting the College to discuss a proposal to develop what we call the "back paddock" at the rear of the College into a first rate sports ground made up of two soccer fields, a cricket pitch and possibly an AFL oval. We are hoping this proposal comes to fruition as it will bring very significant benefits to both the College and local sporting clubs in our community

Michael Muscat
Principal



Photo taken by Lachlan Shaw of year 8

Student Engagement and Wellbeing

The Minister for Education recently announced that the current attendance and code of conduct guidelines for Victorian government schools will be replaced by the new Effective Schools are Engaging Schools: Student Engagement Policy Guidelines. These new guidelines recognise that schools should be safe, inclusive and supportive environments where students strive to achieve their best.

The Student Engagement Policy Guidelines will replace our school's current student attendance requirements and student code of conduct from the beginning of Term 1, 2010. The new Guidelines focus on engaging students in school and creating a safe, supportive school for your child.

The new Guidelines also recognise that as a parent/carer you a key part of the school community and in the coming months I will be approaching you to help the school develop our new Student Engagement Policy, as required by the Guidelines. This policy will outline the rights, responsibilities and expectations of all members of the school community. The policy will also state a staged response to behaviour and attendance issues.

If you would like any more information on the new guidelines please see our office staff for a Frequently Asked Questions flyer, or the guidelines are available at the internet at www.education.vic.gov.au.

From the Office

PAYMENT OF OUTSTANDING FEE'S

All Semester 2-Year 9 Journey's, Year 10 Electives and VCE Units 2 & 4 Subjects are now due for payment.

Also any outstanding Semester 1 fee's are well over due.

The College Office will be open for payment on Parent Teacher interview evenings until 6.30pm.

Dates are: Tuesday 25th & Wednesday 26th August 2009

Literacy Support

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

We are seeking members of the Kambrya Community to listen to students read. Please consider helping us.

Time Commitment—1 hour per week

Activity—Listen to an individual or small number of students read.

Please contact: Mrs. Tanya Pinnock to express an interest or for further information. 9707 7600

Upper Beaconsfield Toy Library

The President of the Upper Beaconsfield Toy Library, Kathryn Smith is holding a shopping tour fundraiser on Saturday 7th of November, the details are as follows:

Cost \$40 which includes morning tea, 2 course lunch, champagne, tea and coffee. There will be auctions and raffles throughout the day.

Pick-up points Upper Beaconsfield, Berwick and Mulgrave.

For more information email

upperbeac.toylibrary@yahoo.com.au

or call the Upper Beaconsfield Community Centre on 5944 3484 to book your seat.

Early Leavers

While the College understands that appointments for students during school hours can sometimes be unavoidable, it is not ideal for students, particularly those in the Later Years to miss valuable class time. Wherever possible please make appointments for your child after school hours.

Students who are leaving early must be signed out of the school via the General Office. If you require your child to leave early it is advisable that you contact the College beforehand to arrange the early pick up or give your child a note to leave class early.

IT IS NOT OK TO BE AWAY

Dear Parent Guardian,

I am increasingly concerned at the level of absenteeism in the last month, particularly in Years 9 and 10. I remind you attendance is a key priority for our College and the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development.

While I realize many absences are unavoidable we need to work together to reduce the impact of these absences on your child's academic achievement, their experiences in the College programs and the building of positive relationships within our wider school community.

To help facilitate this the College has developed a number of *Learning and Return to School Plans* to help inform students and parents of the work missed and action needed when your child is away for any reason including excursion, sport etc. Please encourage your child to pick up a plan before or immediately after an absence. (See attached) We appreciate your support in ensuring your child has the opportunity to continue their learning experiences even if there is a break in instruction.

The College has also developed an attendance action program for students whose absences are greater than 10 days a semester. Students and parents will be asked to be involved in an initial interview with Sub School leaders where an action plan is agreed upon. The action plan may include further student counselling, timetable negotiation or participation in redemption study classes or work programs. Together we can develop a culture that IT IS NOT OK TO BE AWAY, that ALL classes are important and we VALUE your child's learning opportunities.

If your child is going to be away for any reason please inform your Home group teacher or Sub school leader and request an appropriate Learning and Return to School Plan.

John Shaw

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STUDENT ABSENCE: LEARNING AND RETURN TO SCHOOL PLAN

Student Name	HG
Reason for absence	
Absence from	Return date

DESCRIPTION OF WORK MISSED AND DUE DATES FOR COMPLETION	DATE & Teacher
SUBJECT	
CONTACT ME @	



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COLLEGE STUDENT ABSENCE: LEARNING AND RETURN TO SCHOOL PLAN

Student Name	HG
Reason for absence	
Absence from	Return date

DESCRIPTION OF WORK MISSED AND DUE DATES FOR COMPLETION	DATE & Teacher
ENGLISH	
MATHS	
HUMANITIES	
SCIENCE	
HPE/SPORT	
LOTE	
ARTS	

General comments and notes to student

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FOR ANY FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT YOUR HOMEGROUP TEACHER.



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Student Name	HG
Reason for absence	
Absence from	Return date

DESCRIPTION OF WORK MISSED AND DUE DATES FOR COMPLETION	DATE & Teacher
PERIOD ONE	
PERIOD TWO	
PERIOD THREE	
PERIOD FOUR	
PERIOD FIVE	
PERIOD SIX	

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Science News

Science "International Competitions and Assessments for Schools"

Students from Kambrya College achieved outstanding results when they participated in the ICAS Science competition earlier this year. The ICAS competition is conducted across Australia and in 12 other countries. Participation in the ICAS competition provides independent evaluations of students' skills, knowledge and understandings in Science.

William Campbell (M7B) received a High Distinction, Nicole Lim (M7B) and Adrian Harper-Gomm (M7B) received Distinctions.

The following students received Participation certificates: Adrian Harper-Gomm (M7B), Callum Mclean (W7A), Corey Pedersen (W7A), Kyle Russell (B7B), Jay Mills (G9C), Nicholas Pangalos (10D). Congratulations to all these students on their significant achievements.



National Science Week (17th - 21st August)

*This year the theme for schools is **Astronomy:***

Science without limits

It aims to increase community awareness and understanding of the role of science, engineering, technology and innovation in maintaining and improving our society, economy and the environment.

At the College students were involved in a number of activities such as watching Astronomy DVDs in the theatre during lunch and in classrooms, quizzes, word searches, crosswords, writing messages to Earth-like planets outside the solar system and colouring posters. Some students had the opportunity to look at distant objects through the telescope (The college telescope will be set up for students and parents to view the sky in the evening during the Parent-Teacher interviews next week on Tuesday and Wednesday). Student assembled rockets were launched during lunch time on Friday.

Sports News

Nike + Challenge

Good luck to the 80 students we have signed up to compete in the Nike+ Challenge. They will be trying to run/walk as far as they can in 22 days. The winning school receives Nike gear for each participant. Go Kambrya!

Last Friday the VSCC Zone final was held at Casey Fields. Mel Hunter year 8 won the under 15 girls novice race, Matt Barclay year 12 came 4th in the Senior Boys novice race, Zane Hunter year 9 came 3rd in the boys under 17 racing category which was won by the current Australian champion. All athletes will now compete at the VSCC (Vic schools cycling championships) State Final on Sat 17th Oct on Lygon St as a part of the Jayco Herald Sun Tour (a professional cycling race).

Congratulations to the students below who participated in the GO-KAN-RYU World cups last weekend. Edward Dixon-Lean of year 11 won gold in Kata and Bronze in Kumita. Teagan Strong of year 11 came 5th in Kumita and Jess King of year 11 came 4th & 2nd in her events. An awesome achievement, well done!

Arts News



Studio Art recently went to see the Salvador Dali exhibition: Liquid Desire. Students were amazed at the diversity and surreal qualities to his artworks. He created not just paintings but films, sculptures, objects and jewellery.

This fantastic exhibition sourced 200 paintings from overseas to enable Australians to see firsthand his artwork. Michael (Yr 12) was amazed that even at a young age Dali produced paintings of high technical standard.

LOTE News

Our Year 9 German students enjoyed a 'Treasure Hunt' in Melbourne CBD

Mr. Alan Keeble and Ms Irene Creasey (German teachers) boldly ventured forth into the city over two days with four classes of German students. The students had to follow a Schatzsuche (a treasure hunt guided sheet) in German to reach a variety of destinations and localities in and around the city. Mr Keeble and Ms Creasey wondered how the students would go.....They were pleasantly surprised.... many of the students got around the German course in record time. They had to take photos of various buildings, collect pamphlets and go into German and Swiss restaurants...they then had to find the German Lutheran church in East Melbourne as well as take photos of Parliament. When they got to the Goethe institute (German Cultural Centre) in South Melbourne, our students started to spontaneously speak German to the German staff there. Mr Keeble and Ms Creasey almost died of surprise, but a very pleasant surprise. They had a wonderful day out and the students far outdid themselves. They were so proud.

As a follow-up activity, early in term 3 they organised an expo around the 'Treasure Hunt Day' and invited in some native German speakers to chat to the students. All students engaged enthusiastically in German with our visitors. For most it was the first time they had had the chance to speak the language to real Germans. It was a highly successful activity which boosted the confidence of our students' ability to communicate in German.

They then took 40 students - about half the cohort - to see a German film at the Melbourne International Film Festival and also to the German Day Out where our 40 students found out they are not alone - 20,000 other students state-wide study German.

Thank you to Ms Creasey and Mr Keeble for organising this successful event.

Language B excursions

Some of our Year 7 & 8 Japanese students will be going out on the excursion 'Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes'. This is a performance which commemorates the 61st anniversary of the WWII Hiroshima and Nagasaki bombings. The performance will take place at the Kingston Arts Centre in Moorabbin this Friday 21st, August.

On the same day, another group of senior students will enjoy a day out at the Melbourne Showgrounds to appreciate a variety of Japanese art forms. The 'Melbourne Anime Festival' will take place between the 21st and the 23rd of August, so if you have some time this weekend, please go and enjoy some of the beautiful Japanese art forms.

Japan Trip information meeting

Just a reminder to all the parents of students going on the Japan Trip - there will be a short but very important last information meeting before the trip.

It will take place at the Ian McKenzie Centre on Wednesday 26th August at 7:00pm (after round table conferences).

September Year 7 students will be attending an excursion to the Melbourne Museum for the Pompeii exhibit which should be exciting for the students and staff.

Music News

The Music Department is holding an all-inclusive performance in Week 7 of this term. Every student who is involved in instrumental music lessons or takes part in the ensembles we run at school will have the chance to perform.

Performance Details:

DATE: Tuesday 25th August

TIME: 7pm **Performers should arrive by 6pm**

VENUE: Kambrya College Theatre

COST: \$5 Adults \$2 Concession

DRESS: Some ensembles have a specific dress code. Students performing in a group should ensure that they know what to wear by asking the director of that group. For all other soloists and small group performers, you may wear anything you like, as long as it is appropriate for a formal performance. School uniform is not compulsory. "Wear something nice". ☺

It would be great to see as many family and friends along to support our students in this music department concert. Every instrumental music student should be involved, so please encourage your child to attend. All money raised on the night will go directly back to the music department to buy more equipment and music for our students. For any enquiries, please contact Instrumental Music Coordinator, Roz Bishop on 9707 7600.

Library News

PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

A number of our students are completing the Premier's Reading Challenge at the moment. The students must read at least 15 books by the end of August. Several students have read more than 15 books. Most of the novels read are on a nominated list of books, but students are still able to read some of their own choice books. A list of names of successful participants will be found in a future newsletter once the Challenge closes.

BOOK WEEK

The theme for Book Week is "BOOK SAFARI" this year.

Book Week celebrates reading and the Children's Book Council names winners of the Children's Book Awards. These will be named next week.

At Kambrya the Library has a display of an African safari collage plus a wonderful safari jeep which was constructed by Kylie Dorrity of year 9.

Next Tuesday 25th August the year 7 students will be entertained by Archie Fusillo who has written a number of fiction novels for teenagers.

We will also be running competitions in the Library related to the Book Week winning books and the Book safari theme

News from the Fast Food Journey

Fast Food is a Journey subject selected by many students in Year 9. The emphasis is on increasing nutritional knowledge and developing food preparation skills. We hope to positively impact on the health and well being of our student's in the future, providing insight into many healthy options that may be as appealing to our teenage population as traditional "fast foods."

This semester, we have been studying nutrients and nutritional requirements of individuals. We have investigated packaging and labelling of many commonly consumed foods. On our first excursion, we walked to Eden Rise to examine the hidden sources of fat, salt and sugar in foods at Coles Supermarket. Do you know?

- Fat may be listed as:
Shortening / Coconut or palm oil / Lard
- Salt may be listed as:
Beef booster / Monosodium glutamate
Sodium nitrate
- Sugar may be listed as:
Corn syrup / Glucose / Lactose

To support our understanding of nutritional food choices, we made chicken wraps in class. They were enjoyed for lunch by many students, most agreeing they were quickly and easily prepared. It was nice to hear many would make them again at home.



Humanities News

Students in year 7 are currently studying ancient civilisations (Greece, Egypt) with a focus on the Gods and Goddesses in ancient civilisations. Students are enjoying learning about Zeus, god of the Thunder Bolt and King of all Gods of Mount Olympus, Artemis, and Goddess of childbirth among many, many more.

Year 8 is focussing on the rainforest biome and the impact of deforestation. They are learning about whom the stakeholders are in such biomes and the changes to the Amazon Rainforest and how we can help to make changes for future generations.

Year 9 students have begun their studies on the Gold Rush and the effects it has had on Australia. They will be looking at immigration to Australia and also how Australia grew because of the Gold Rush in the 1850s.

WW1 is being studied by Year 10 students. They are presently working on an assessment task which they are researching specific soldiers from Australia who served during WW1. They will end the term with an exam.

The VCE classes are all working toward completion of Unit 2 and 4. Unit 4 students are drawing to a close their units and will begin to prepare for end of year exams starting next term.

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Parent feedback:

"Thank you so much. It is a fantastic site and worth every cent. She has used it constantly for assessments and exam topic reviews." – K. McDougall

"I signed my daughter up last year - she found it very useful, particularly with the subjects she does not enjoy at school and it made a significant difference to her final exam results"

– SJ, NSW parent

Student feedback:

"I love this site!"

– MC, Year 9, NSW

Teacher feedback:

"The reactions from new parents and existing parents were very positive. Also I have made sure that year 9 and 10 students have all been able to log in and their reactions have also been very positive" – Jeff Palmer, ICT Coordinator

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Children's Book Week: Author visit

Children's Book Week is an annual event run by the Children's Book Council of Australia (CBCA). The CBCA is a volunteer run, not for profit, organisation that was established in 1945. It comprises members who are passionate about children's and young adult literature.

Each year the CBCA presents awards for books with an implied readership under the age of eighteen. The short list in each category this year was announced on 31 March 2009. The Winner and Honour Book/s will be announced on Friday 22 August 2009 just prior to Book Week which runs from August 24th to 29th. The awards are presented in five categories:



CBCA Book of the Year:
Older Readers
CBCA Book of the Year:
Younger Readers
CBCA Book of the Year:
Early Childhood
CBCA Picture Book of the
Year
The Eve Pownall Award for
Information Books

Book Week is the longest running children's festival in Australia, celebrating its 64th birthday this year. Each year, many schools and public libraries from all over Australia spend a week celebrating books and Australian authors and illustrators. Classroom teachers, teacher librarians and public librarians develop activities, offer competitions and tell stories relating to a theme to highlight the importance of reading. The theme in 2009 is... 'Book Safari'.

The teacher librarians at Kambrya College have invited the author, Archie Fusillo, to visit the college and speak to all the Year 7 students in the college theatre. This visit will take place on Tuesday August 25th during Children's Book Week.

Archie has written a number of fiction texts. These include: Sparring with Shadows, The Dons, An Earful of Static, Bruises: Boys Don't Cry, Let It Rip, Bragging Reggie, Last of the Braves (2009).

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SATURDAY 5th SEPT
10AM till 2PM**

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OUR SEASON STARTS ON SAT 3rd OCT**

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