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Important Dates For Term 3 - 2009

SEPTEMBER		
18 th September	Friday	Last day of term 3 – Students dismissed at 2:15pm
24 th September	Thursday	Year 10 students return from the Central Australia Trip

Principals Message

Dear Parents,

Our trip to **Japan** for senior LOTE (Japanese) students as well as our Trip for 10 students to **Central Australia** commenced on the weekend just past. Our sister school relationship with Hatsushiba Saki Junior High School continues to flourish – much to the benefit of our students. Similarly, the trip to Central Australia, the fifth taken by students at Kambrya College, is a great feature of our program. Many thanks to Ursula Lindeberg, Ben Forbes and Michelle Pezzimenti (Japan) and Keith Perry, Pam Crago, Peter Wallis, Jenny Leiner, John Holmes, Leo Stauber, Adam Hands and Susan Carlson (Central) for participating and organising these trips.

Three major projects for Kambrya College:

Gymnasium Extension

Very strong progress is being made on a number of fronts on our two court extension. The Joint Use Agreement continues to be refined as consultation between the College, the Bemersyde Sport Association and the DEECD progresses. There are no major sticking points with the agreement; it is just a matter of articulating all the required details in a manner which is acceptable to all parties. The Co-operative loan process is also coming together very well. We are quietly confident that construction will begin before Christmas.

Trade Training Centre

The College is in advanced negotiations with Berwick Secondary College, Chisholm TAFE and a number of other local schools including Nossal College, St Margaret's, St Francis Xavier, Beaconhills, Pakenham Secondary and Koo Wee Rup Secondary Colleges to submit a proposal for a Trade Training Centre to the State and Federal Departments of Education. We will be applying for a \$9.5 million facility to be built on the Clyde Road site of Chisholm. Our proposal is being developed by retired Principal of Narre Warren South P-12 College, Ross Miller, who has great expertise in the area of facilities.

Development of 'Back Paddock'

Discussions continue with the City of Casey to develop a joint use/development of sporting facilities on the large area at the rear of the College referred to as our 'Back Paddock'. The City of Casey has obtained funding to pay for engineers to investigate and help to develop a plan for development. The City of Casey is also looking into community demand for such a facility. I am hopeful that the City of Casey and Kambrya College will be able to bring this proposal to fruition.

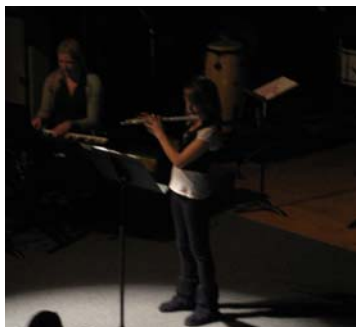
Best wishes to all for a safe and enjoyable break from school.

Michael Muscat

Music News

'Almost Spring Concert'

A big thank you to all those families and friends who came along to support our students perform at the 'almost Spring Concert'. The night definitely did not feel like it was almost Spring time with one of the coldest, wettest night's of the year, but the atmosphere was warm and comforting in the theatre and the students performed brilliantly.



Junior Band workshop

On Tuesday 8th September Kambrya hosted a visiting Junior Band from Monbulk College for a day of rehearsals and a performance to the Grade 6 students from Brentwood Park Primary. The students had approximately 3 periods to learn the music and rehearse as a new big group and then perform to about 130 primary students. The day was a great opportunity for some older students to act as leaders in the ensemble and help out the beginners, as well as the chance to play alongside some instruments that we don't currently have at Kambrya, like French Horn and Tuba.

All of the students performed brilliantly and the reaction from the primary students was very positive, with many asking questions about the music department at Kambrya. Hopefully we'll see a lot of them learning an instrument here next year!

Instrumental Lessons and rehearsals

Lessons will continue on next term, beginning in week one. Timetables should be on the windows as well as the actual teaching rooms in E block. All students are expected to know when their own lessons are, as it is impossible for the Instrumental music teachers to run all over the school looking for individual students. If they are unsure, they need to speak up and ask any of the Music teachers.

Fees should be completely paid for by now. As was mentioned at the beginning of this semester, the fees were for the remainder of the year and were to be paid in advance. Please ensure that

your fees are paid up. If you have any questions about fees, please contact the front office.

Band rehearsals are still held Fridays at 8am. Please encourage your children to arrive promptly so that we can have a thorough rehearsal without stragglers coming in up to twenty minutes late. Choir is on Thursday lunchtimes. All vocal students should be a part of this group, but it is open to the whole school community. Any interested singers out there should feel free to come along.

Please encourage your music students to keep a regular practise routine and continue to be diligent in coming to lessons and rehearsals so that Kambrya's Music Department can continue to grow.

Sports News

Congratulations to all the students who competed in the Nike Schools Challenge 2009! A special congratulation to the students who reached the maximum distance of 220km in 22 days: Tawfik Ahmadi, Aman Jandu, Todd ladner, Umer Tahir, Nawid Ahmadi and Brendon Chin. Overall Kambrya came 60th out of 120 plus schools across Australia and New Zealand. A great effort!

Congratulations to one of our own staff member Nick Conway who recently competed in the Triathlon Sprintman Championships on the Goldcoast and came first in his age group! Well done Nick!

Legal Studies News

Year 12 Legal Studies Students visited Loddon Prison last Thursday located in Castlemaine - It is a medium to low security prison as compared to Barwon which is a maximum security prison. Students had visited Barwon Prison in May earlier this year and were able to make a comparison between the two prisons.

It was a long drive to Castlemaine and a huge thank you has to go to Mr. Peter Szabo who drove the bus – as it would not have been possible to make this trip as a charter bus was far too expensive almost 4 times the cost of the hire bus we took. It was a very pleasant (but long) drive and the day was enjoyed by everyone. This was the first time we had the opportunity to visit Loddon and I am hoping that we can include this into our curriculum next year.

The Writers Workshop is dedicated to bring out the best in young writers and each week students learn a different writing task. I'd like to share the following pieces with you. I hope you enjoy them as much as I did.

The Hurdles in Life

In the depth of the woods,
I will struggle.
What I seek is unknown.
I have to keep moving,
I will not stop.
I run from former times.
The past hurts,
I will forget.
I see the sunlight.
I feel the warmth,
I will make it.
I now know what I seek.
I slip and tumble,
I have failed.
I get off the ground.
My knees are scraped,
I will ignore it.
I limp towards the sun.
I take it slowly,
I will not fail.
I feel the brush of a leaf on my skin,
I climb over a rock into the light,
I have made it.

The Prowlers

This contribution is another piece composed in the Writers workshop. David Holmes is an ambitious young writer and he makes powerful contributions to this class. If you read the piece, you'll understand why.

Frederick Russell ran for his life down the narrow corridor, his swift footfalls pattering on the marbled floor. He gasped for breath as he glimpsed over his shoulder, only to look away in horror. A gaping black hole filled the room behind him, tongues of purple lightning flickering off its edges and dancing along the walls. The centre was pitch black, rippling like a dark pond, suddenly disturbed by a pebble.

It looked about fifteen feet wide to Frederick. A vicious gale seemed to rush from its core, filling his ears and ruffling his matted grey hair. It was perfectly circular, like a tunnel.

A portal.

Frederick crashed through the doorway in front of him and hurriedly swerved left, through a room full of rusted armour and out into another hallway. His mind raced over one question: what had brought him to this cursed place? He vaguely remembered waking up that morning with a strange feeling, a dark voice in his head prompting him to go somewhere.

He had an urging him to go to the abandoned castle on the hill, to go *under* it.

But Frederick didn't know why..... Something about a statue?

Suddenly, he caught his foot on a loose plank, sending him sprawling through the air. He tumbled end over end before crashing into a pile of wooden barrels by the wall. Frederick barely had time to recover before one of the barrels fell on top of him, spilling its contents everywhere.

Frederick woke with a start, not knowing how much time had passed. For a fleeting moment, he prayed that it had all been a dream and right now he was waking up inside his own little cottage home. But as soon as he saw the craggy walls and the barrels strewn across the floor he knew he was wrong. Frederick cupped some powder in his hand, then he finally realised what it was.

Gunpowder!

With that, Frederick recalled where he was and what was happening.

The portal!

Frederick hoisted himself to his feet, groaning with the effort. His back ached with the impact of the fall and he had a nasty graze on his elbow.

Just as he was about to run, Frederick noticed something.

The wind had stopped.

There was total silence in the castle now, but it seemed to unnerve him even more. Frederick didn't need any more encouragement; he shot off down the hallway like a hare on the run from hunters. Gunpowder poured from the pockets of his tattered brown tunic, leaving a dusty trail behind him. He only had to run a few feet before he realised where he was. It was a circular room with an old, rickety staircase spiralling upwards, winding its way along the walls.

A stairwell.

Frederick smiled; this was his way out, his ticket to freedom. He would never have to worry about strange voices in his head or portals or abandoned castles ever again. Frederick began climbing the stairs, eyeing the moss-covered walls and the slits of moonlight that criss-crossed through the stairwell. Before he knew it, he was almost out, panting with the exertion of running, something he wasn't used to doing.

Suddenly, it happened.

The stair under him creaked loudly and gave way, taking Frederick with it. He desperately reached out for something to hold, but his fingers slipped on the railing, sending him crashing down to the ground.

It was a full twenty-foot drop to the base of the stairwell, yet He managed to land on his feet. He heard a sickening crack as both his legs broke, forcing him scream.

Frederick collapsed against the wall, tears of frustration and fear running down his face. He just lay there for several minutes, hoping that someone would find him. That hole, whatever it was, could only mean trouble. He had to tell someone...

Frederick sensed it before he saw it. Someone, or something else, was coming down the corridor. He slowly craned his neck, dreading what he would see. Frederick choked when he saw it.

At the other end of the corridor stood the most terrifying creature he had ever seen. It resembled a black wolf, but it was huge, at least ten feet, with rippling muscles and a long swishing tail that ended in a razor-sharp scythe. It had two hazy orange slits as eyes. A soft orb of orange light seemed to pulsate where its heart should have been. Large pointed bristles lined its back and two short, stumpy horns protruded from its head. Frederick couldn't quite focus on it. Its skin seemed to shift, constantly reforming itself into new shapes, so it was blurry at times. Right now, it seemed to be sniffing the ground looking for a scent....

Looking for him.

Frederick looked around frantically for a weapon, knowing that the wolf hadn't seen him yet. He felt around under the stairwell for something, anything to use against the wolf. There was nothing. Frederick began to panic, when he noticed something. The wolf was sniffing near the gunpowder barrels, about thirty feet away. Some of the powder had left a trail through the corridor and ended just near his feet. The powder must have fallen from his pockets while he was running.

Frederick's mind went into overdrive. He searched around the base of the wall behind him, and found what he was looking for. He picked up the two stones in his hand and he struck them together.

.....Nothing.

The wolf started to turn its head toward Frederick.

He tried again.

.....Nothing.

By now the wolf had definitely seen him.

Frederick held himself steady, third time lucky!

He struck the stones together.

A spark!

The end of the trail caught on fire, the tiny flame began making its way toward the wolf, gaining momentum as it rushed toward the barrels.

At the last moment, Frederick gazed into the eyes of the wolf, those haunting orange slits full of hatred, just before the flame reached the barrels.

The explosion was deafening.

A massive yellow fireball erupted from the barrels, flying down both ends of the corridor. The noise was loud enough to wake the village, as it reverberated through the entire castle. Vicious tongues of fire lashed out at Frederick, missing him by inches. When it was all over, the blaze still burned strong in the middle of the corridor. Frederick sighed with relief and leant against the wall, knowing full well that the townspeople would soon be down here. He may end up in jail, but at least he was alive.

Wait a minute.

No, his eyes must be playing tricks on him, it couldn't be.

But there was no mistaking the hulking black shape that was emerging from the flames.

It was the wolf.

But it was in a bad way. Chunks of flesh hung off its body and seemed to be melting, and its fur was still ablaze, giving it the look of some dark demon. Its gleaming white fangs were held in a determined snarl as it slowly pawed its way toward Frederick.

"Why me?" Frederick yelled aloud, after all he was just a lonely, weak-willed peasant; he had never done anything wrong, although he wasn't really supposed to be here.

The beast was now so close that he could see each individual jagged tooth jutting from its jaw, and could feel the heat searing off it. Frederick vainly held out the wooden crucifix around his neck.

"Be Gone!" he yelled weakly.

An ear-splitting roar came from the beast's mouth and it heaved itself onto two legs and raised its claws for the final kill.

Frederick Russell's dying scream echoed through the whole castle.

Sadly, it would not be the last shriek heard on that fateful night.

The night the rift was opened.

By David Holmes.B9C

Writer's Workshop Journey. Teacher: Mal Simmons

M8A Tread Lightly Project

On Thursday, 11th September a group of students from M8A went to Brentwood Park Primary School as part of their 'Tread Lightly' unit. The objective was to teach groups of students at the Primary School the importance of using water wisely. For this, students had created a board game and conducted a short question-and-answer session with students from Brentwood Park.

"Our journey to Brentwood Park was a success. The Brentwood Park kids really enjoyed our game board." The students from M8A said.

Well done to Blake, Mehmet, Jake and Sam.



BOOT CAMP

This is your chance to be involved in a 4 day free "live-in" camp at HMAS Cerberus. You will have the opportunity to find out what it is like to be a member of the Australian Defence Force (ADF). You will get to participate in a range of activities including exercise drills, RAN swim assessment (indoor pool), fire fighting, survival at sea techniques and target shooting using the latest high-tech simulator plus loads more.

Speak to your careers teachers for further information or to apply on-line visit <http://www.sellen.org.au/whatislcp/whats-on/2009-hmas-cerberus-bootcamp/>

WHEN:

9am Monday 23 November 2009 to 2.30pm Thursday 26 November 2009

WHERE:

HMAS Cerberus – Crib Point (Melways map 194 J2)

NUMBERS:

Up to 30 students (plus 6 teachers) will be offered a place on the 4 day camp

ACTIVITIES:

This is a hands on course designed to give participants an understanding of what it is like to be a member of the Australian Defence Force (ADF).

HMAS Cerberus has prepared a range of activities that includes exercise drills, RAN swim test (indoor pool), fire fighting, survival at sea drills including a ride in a navy watercraft, target shooting using a training simulator plus lots more. All sessions will be under the strict supervision of qualified RAN staff.

ELIGIBILITY:

Preference will be given to students who have participated in a Naval

Gazing tour and considering a career in the ADF or applying for the Navy "gap year". Other students that have not attended a Naval Gazing tour but are interested in finding out more about careers in the ADF, should still apply and will be considered along with all other applications received.

The camp is open to both male and female students currently in year levels 10-12.

PARENT/GUARDIAN APPROVAL:

All participants will be required to submit a signed approval form from their parent or legal guardian allowing them to attend and participate in the camp activities.

SELECTION PROCESS:

Applicants are required to complete an on-line application form by *FRIDAY 16 OCTOBER 2009* stating the reasons why they would like to participate in the camp.

Please note the camp involves physical activities including swimming, general exercise, running and team games.

CLOTHING REQUIREMENT:

Successful applicants will be given further details about the clothing they will need to bring along to the camp after the final selection process has been completed.

COSTS:

There are no costs involved and all meals will be provided by HMAS Cerberus during the four day camp. Students may wish to bring along a small amount of spending money to buy any incidental items required over the four days.

ALL APPLICANTS WILL BE CONTACTED AND ADVISED OF THE OUTCOME OF THE SELECTION PROCESS BY: Friday 30th October 2009

CONTACTS FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:

Frankston/Mornington Peninsula Schools:
Belinda Davies: Peninsula Local Community Partnership (PLCP)
Phone number: 59 752445

Dandenong, Casey and Cardinia Schools:
Dani West: South East Local Learning Employment Network Local Community Partnership (SELLEN LCP)
Phone number: 979 46921

All Gippsland Schools:
Lyn Hudson: Education Centre Gippsland
Phone number: 5622 600

Teenage School Holiday Program

For 12 - 17 year olds

Week one 21 - 25 Sep

Bookings close 14 September 09

Monday 21 September 2009

Go Karting

Cost: \$30

Venue: Le Mans Go Karting, Dandenong

Time: 11.30 am - 2 pm

Transport Included (See back of Flyer for details).

BYO Lunch/money and bottle of water

Tuesday 22 September 2009

Royal Melbourne Show

Cost: \$20

Venue: Melbourne Showgrounds

Time: 10 am - 2 pm

Transport Included (See back of Flyer for details)

BYO Lunch/money and bottle of water

Wednesday 23 September 2009

Puffing Billy

Cost: \$18

Venue: Belgrave Station

Time: 10.30 am - 1.45 pm

Transport Included (See back of Flyer for details)

BYO Lunch/money and bottle of water

Thursday 24 September 2009

Indoor Sports Day

Cost: \$5

Venue: Casey Indoor Sports Centre

Time: 10 am - 3 pm

Transport Included (See back of Flyer for details)

BYO Lunch/money and bottle of water

Friday 25 September 2009

Light Bulb / glass painting

Cost: FREE

Venue: Cranbourne Youth Information Centre

Time: 11 am - 1 pm

Light snacks will be provided

Week two 28 Sep - 2 Oct

Bookings close 21 September 09

Monday 28 September 2009

Galactic Circus & Laser Skirmish

Cost: \$10

Venue: Galactic Circus

Time: 11 am - 2 pm

Transport Included (See back of Flyer for details)

BYO Lunch/money and bottle of water

Tuesday 29 September 2009

Penguins at Melbourne Aquarium

Cost: \$10

Venue: Melbourne Aquarium

Time: 11 am - 2 pm

Transport Included (See back of Flyer for details)

BYO Lunch/money

Wednesday 30 September 2009

Mountain Bike Riding at Phillip Island

Cost: \$25

Venue: Outthere Outdoors - Phillip Island

Time: 11 am - 2 pm

Transport Included (See back of Flyer for details)

BYO Lunch/money and bottle of water

Thursday 1 October 2009

Glow in the Dark Mini Golf

Cost: \$7

Venue: Docklands, Melbourne

Time: 11 am - 2 pm

Transport Included (See back of Flyer for details)

BYO Lunch/money and bottle of water

Friday 2 October 2009

Guitar Hero Competition

Cost: FREE

Venue: Hampton Park Youth Information Centre

Time: 11 am - 1 pm

Light snacks will be provided

Bookings Now Open

1. Fill in a booking form. You can obtain a booking form by:

- Contacting the City of Casey on 9705 5200 to have one sent out to you, or
- Visiting www.insideinfo.casey.vic.gov.au to download a form, or
- Visiting one of Council's Customer Service Centres to pick up a form.

2. Take the completed form and payment into one of the Council's Customer Service Centres to make your booking.

3. Payment can be made by cash, cheque or EFTPOS.

Bookings will not be accepted by fax or mail

Pick up & Drop off Points

Endeavour Hills Endeavour Hills Shopping Centre Bus Stop (Mel Ref 91 D5)

Doveton John Pandazopoulos Hall, Power Road (Mel Ref 90 K9)

Hampton Park Stuart Avenue Bus Stop (Mel Ref 96 E8)

Fountain Gate Westfield Shopping Centre Bus Stop (Mel Ref 110 D4)

Berwick High Street outside Masonic Centre/Guides Hall (Mel Ref 111 D7)

Cranbourne Lyall Street Bus Stop (Mel Ref 133 K5)

More information on the events...

Le Mans Go Karting

Monday 21 September 2009

Pick Up Drop Off

Berwick 10.05 am 3.15 pm

Cranbourne 10.20 am 2.25 pm

Hampton Park 10.30 am 2.35 pm

Fountain Gate 10.40 am 3.05 pm

Endeavour Hills 10.50 am 2.55 pm

Doveton 11.00 am 2.45 pm

Galactic Circus

Monday 28 September 2009

Pick Up Drop Off

Berwick 9.05 am 3.45 pm

Cranbourne 9.20 am 3.30 pm

Hampton Park 9.30 am 3.20 pm

Fountain Gate 9.40 am 3.10 pm

Endeavour Hills 9.50 am 3.00 pm

Doveton 10.00 am 2.50 pm

Melbourne Show

Tuesday 22 September 2009

Pick Up Drop Off

Berwick 8.05 am 3.55 pm

Cranbourne 8.20 am 3.40 pm

Hampton Park 8.30 am 3.30 pm

Fountain Gate 8.40 am 3.20 pm

Endeavour Hills 8.50 am 3.10 pm

Doveton 9.00 am 3.00 pm

Puffing Billy

Wednesday 23 September

Pick Up Drop Off

Berwick 8.25 am 3.25 pm

Cranbourne 8.40 am 3.10 pm

Hampton Park 8.50 am 3.00 pm

Fountain Gate 9.20 am 2.30 pm

Endeavour Hills 9.10 am 2.40 pm

Doveton 9.00 am 2.50 pm

Indoor Sports Day

Thursday 24 September 2009

Pick Up Drop Off

Berwick 8.55 am 4.00 pm

Fountain Gate 9.05 am 3.50 pm

Doveton 9.15 am 3.40 pm

Endeavour Hills 9.25 am 3.30 pm

Hampton Park 9.35 am 3.20 pm

Cranbourne 9.50 am 3.05 pm

Melbourne Aquarium

Tuesday 29 September 2009

Pick Up Drop Off

Berwick 9.05 am 3.45 pm

Cranbourne 9.20 am 3.30 pm

Hampton Park 9.30 am 3.20 pm

Fountain Gate 9.40 am 3.10 pm

Endeavour Hills 9.50 am 3.00 pm

Doveton 10.00 am 2.50 pm

Outthere Outdoors Phillip Island

Wednesday 30 September 2009

Pick Up Drop Off

Berwick 7.55 am 4.30 pm

Fountain Gate 8.10 am 4.20 pm

Endeavour Hills 8.20 am 4.10 pm

Doveton 8.30 am 4.00 pm

Hampton Park 8.40 am 3.50 pm

Cranbourne 8.50 am 3.40 pm

Mini Golf Docklands

Thursday 1 October 2009

Pick Up Drop Off

Berwick 9.00 am 3.55 pm

Cranbourne 9.15 am 3.45 pm

Hampton Park 9.25 am 3.35 pm

Fountain Gate 9.35 am 3.25 pm

Endeavour Hills 9.45 am 3.15 pm

Doveton 9.55 am 3.00 pm

TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM THE OFFICE NOW!



ARTS & TECHNOLOGY EXPO

