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Important Dates For Term 4 - 2009

October		
Monday	12 th October	Course selections due for all year 8 and 9 students
Thursday	15 th October	Year 7 immunisations
Friday	23 rd October	Last day of classes for year 12 students
Saturday	24 th October	Year 12 Valedictory dinner 6:30 – 11pm
Friday	30 th October	External exams start for all unit 3 and 4 students – And finish on 19 th November
November		
Monday	2 nd November	Year 11 SWOT VAC day
Wednesday	4 th – 9 th November	Year 11 exams
Monday to Thursday	9 th – 12 th November	Year 8 Tasmania camp for Gwonawa students
Tuesday to Friday	10 th – 13 th November	Year 8 Tasmania camp for Bulen, Mirrim & Warin students
Thursday	19 th November	Last day of school for year 11 students
Friday	27 th November	Last day of school for year 10 students
December		
Tuesday	1 st December	Year 9 Journey celebrations
Tuesday	8 th December	Grade 6 orientation day
Monday to Thursday	14 th - 17 th December	End of year activities week

Principals Message

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Term 4! It is the term where all staff work particularly hard on completing the work of 2009 and planning for a smooth start and improvement in 2010.

Our Year 12 students have just a few days of classes to go before their Valedictory celebrations and final exams begin. We wish all of our Year 12 students all the very best and congratulate them on being an outstanding year level over the past six years at Kambrya College.

The last day of scheduled classes for year 11 students will be Friday the 30th October. This will be followed by a revision day on Monday 2nd November and four days of exams after the cup day public holiday. Students will then be required to attend a compulsory Year 12 Orientation Program. Classes for Year 10 students finish on the 18th of November and this is followed by four days of final exams. The compulsory Year 11 Orientation Program runs until Friday the 27th of November. Classes for Year 7 to 9 students run until Friday the 11th of December. This is then followed by a fantastic Activities Program from the 14th to the 17th of December.

Term 4 is the time where students need to dig deep and ensure that all work is completed to the best of their ability. It is also very important that all students remain at school until the Orientation and Activities Programs are completed.

Best Wishes to All.
Michael Muscat
Principal

NAPLAN

NAPLAN results for year 7 and 9 students have been provided with this newsletter mail out. If you did not receive the test results it means that your child was absent for the tests.

In 2008, the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) commenced in Australian schools. The program continues in 2009 with all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 being assessed using national tests in Reading, Writing, Language Conventions (Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation) and Numeracy.

The data from the NAPLAN test results gives schools and systems the ability to compare their students' achievements against national standards and with student achievement in other states and territories. It also allows the monitoring of progress over time.

All students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 in schools across Australia undertake the same tests on the same days. Students have their skills assessed in Reading, Writing, Language Conventions (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar), and Numeracy. The 2010 tests were conducted in May.

National test results provide information on how students are progressing and support improvements in teaching and learning.

Parents and carers can best assist students by making them feel comfortable about the nature and purpose of the tests. Parents and carers can obtain further details about the tests through the following web site

<http://www.naplan.edu.au/parents/parents.html>

Uniform - We would like to thank the parents for supporting the recent crack down on uniform infringements and applaud your understanding when asked to help us address the issue of consistency with uniform across the College. As the school year draws to a close we would like to remind parents that when replacing your child's footwear for school that you consider the school uniform policy. It clearly states that FULLY ENCLOSED BLACK SHOES be worn. There have been an increasing number of students wearing 'slipper' and 'ballet' style shoes- these do not constitute part of the uniform.

Payment of Subject Contributions - The College would appreciate the finalisation of any outstanding monies prior to the end of term. It is important to remember that the school relies on these monies to support the development of programs for your children. Please be reminded that upon verification of subject selections for 2010 (Year 9-12), placement in such subjects will be conditional upon receiving payment, or commitment of payment, for semester 1 subjects *prior to the end of 2009*. You will be notified of your child's placement in classes towards the end of the school year.

From the Office

Family Statements

Parents/Guardians enclosed with this Newsletter are Statements for those Families with outstanding Invoices. Payment of all Invoices for the following are now well overdue, VCE Subject Charges, Year 10 Elective Programs, Year 9 Journeys and Year 7 Home Economics.

All outstanding payments need to be finalised by Friday 30th October 2009.

Non payment of these programs for 2009 may jeopardise your student's choice of attaining his/her selection, with a cost to that subject, for the year 2010.

If you have any queries or concerns regarding your statement please contact the Accounts Receivable Department at the College 9707 7608 or 97077607, or the Business Manager Barbara Douglass.

Student Absences

To assist us in keeping accurate attendance records for your child, please remember to call the college to report your child's absence. When leaving a message always include your child's full name and year level. It is also important when sending a note to the school to confirm your child's absence that the full first name and surname of the child is on the note and that the dates of the absence are included.

Using nick names, and not including dates or Surnames can result in the attendance for your child not being accurately recorded by the college and result in further follow up for an explanation of the absence.

You can call the college on 9707 7628 to report a student absence.

Vertical Sub School News

Year 7 – Designing the future

Unit Outline

During the 'Designing the Future' unit students will develop knowledge gained in the 'Learning from the Past' unit and explore ways in which they can make decisions based on current realities, use knowledge, and manipulate technology to create an articulate vision of a desired future. Through the unit project they will examine ideas centred on possible future products designed to assist us collectively live more comfortable, more efficient or safer lives.

Thinking about, or 'designing' the future in this unit will involve students focusing on creative- and lateral-thinking processes to enable them to work outside the confines of present realities in order to make appropriate and viable predictions about the future.

Visit to the Brentwood Park Primary School Mini-Fete.

On Tuesday 13th October several Year 7 home-groups braved the weather to visit the Mini-Fete next door. They had a great time enjoying the games, challenges, snacks, hair-spray and other fun activities. Our hats go off to the BPPS students who did a fantastic job of organising the multitude of stalls and we would like to thank Brentwood Park for our invitation to attend.

Upcoming Stars Reward Program Excursion.

Throughout the semester teachers have been awarding students with stars for displaying exemplary effort and achievement. Some students have shown excellent dedication by receiving many of these stars. In the next few weeks home-group teachers of Year 7's and 8's will be counting the stars. The students who have consistently shown their dedication will be rewarded with a place on the excursion in Week 7. Keep up the efforts and "reach for the stars!"

Year 8 – Mission Earth

In this unit of work students will predict a hypothetical future world, based on an understanding of the present and the past.

Critical Questions

- What is a credible vision of the future?
- Can there be such a thing as an ideal world?
- How could our actions in 2007 affect the lives of people in 2057?

Unit Project: Setting the Scene

Having conducted a thorough investigation and comparison of different types of governments and the impacts that governments have upon their peoples, students embark upon a mission. It is the year 2009 and Year 8 students discover a portal to the future. On the other side of the portal, they discover it is now the year 2059 and the world has changed! Their transition into the new world they find is assisted by some friendly people who act as guides and interpreters (teachers). Students have 24 hours to make a full analysis of what they find on the other side and must then report back to the rest of the student body who are eagerly awaiting their return.

Students will be given the opportunity to research conditions within Australia – past and present – and if they choose they can compare their findings with that of another country.

Areas that could be considered for investigation when comparing governments and people of different countries could include the following:

- The current inhabitants of the given area (sociology)
- The landscape and environmental aspects (geography)
- Technological innovations and language
- Health and leisure
- Government. Who rules the people and how do they do it?
- Positives and negatives. Compare life then and now.

Year 8 – Tasmania Camp

Gwonawa Camp has had a slight change to the itinerary. The Jet star flight to Hobart on Monday 9th November will now depart at 11:35am. All other aspects of the itinerary will remain the same.

Students will be required to meet at school at 8:00am on Monday morning not the original 5:45am. All students affected by the change will receive a notice home during the course of this week.

Year 9 – Journey Selection for 2010

All year 9 students should have completed and returned their journey selection forms for 2010 by Monday 12th October. If your child has not returned the course selection form or has misplaced the (green) form please contact the College as soon as possible to collect another form as timetables are currently being arranged for staff and students for 2010.

CENTRAL AUSTRALIA TRIP 2009

A fantastic trip was experienced by all participants this year. Some big challenges along the way, including dust storms, electrical storms, an emergency evacuation for an injured student in Kings Canyon, and a grass fire in the Todd River bank, but everyone made it through it all with a smile and a laugh. A massive thanks to all the students for their outstanding conduct and for enjoying such a great experience with the staff.



PATHWAYS FOR 2010

If your child is intending to leave Kambrya College at the end of 2009 to pursue other pathways, please be aware that exit paperwork must be completed. Community leaders will soon be finalising the list of students who intend to leave, and we will provide the necessary paperwork. Please ensure that it is returned to the college ASAP.

PERSONAL PROJECTS

Students should have been working on their IB MYP personal projects for the past few months, and are fully aware that this is a compulsory work requirement to gain their Year 10 Certificate (see below). These are due for submission at the end of Week 4 – Friday 30th October. If students require a new copy of the personal project handbook, they can download it from the *Documents* folder on student intranet. Alternatively, the handbook can be accessed from home at:

http://www.kambryacollege.com/documents/ourStudents/learningareas/MYP_Personal_Project_Handbook.pdf

YEAR 10 EXAMS AND 2010 ORIENTATION

End of semester examinations are approaching fast. Students need to start revising Term Three and Term Four topics NOW. Examinations will take place on Thursday 19th, Friday 20th, Monday 23rd and Tuesday 24th November. Students will then participate in a compulsory 2010 orientation program, and will conclude their classes on Monday 30th November. More detailed documentation of the exam schedule and orientation program will be provided in the coming weeks.

WHAT DO STUDENTS NEED TO GET THE YEAR 10 PASS?

Students have all been advised that in order to acquire their **Year 10 Certificate of Competence** at the completion of 2009, they must meet a strict set of requirements. These include:

1. Satisfactory completion of all Common Assessment Tasks, examinations and work requirements for each subject.
2. A minimum attendance of 80%.
3. Satisfactory completion of the IB MYP Personal Project.
4. Demonstrated development in the college values of Respect, Integrity, Compassion and Achievement.

Students are all aware that promotion to VCE or VCAL in 2010 is NOT guaranteed and that they must EARN it!

Later Years News

Careers Information for Year 12 students

Early-bird VTAC Applications have now closed. Students who wish to submit a late application may still do so, however you will incur an increased cost. VTAC change of preference will open in mid-December (after year 12 results are released). The Careers team will be mailing out all necessary details so that students can make informed decisions when they receive their results. Parents can expect this information to arrive during November. If you wish to check your contact details, please phone the Later Years office on 9707 7625.

External Examinations

The examination timetable for Unit 3 & 4 subjects (year 12) was published in the last sub-school newsletter (September 4th). Timetables are also available of VCAA Website and in the Exam Navigators, distributed to students in April.

Year 12 End of year activities

Payments for end of year activities for year 12 are due by Thursday 15th October. Parents please note that it is expected that students attending the Valedictory dinner be accompanied by a parent or guardian. If you have any questions regarding either Valedictory dinner (24th October, 6.15pm), the Picnic Day (23rd October, 8am) or payment plans for either of these events, please don't hesitate to contact the Later Years office.

Year 11 End of year Exams

For year 11 VCE students, the day before Cup Day (Monday 2nd November) will be an exam preparation day (SWOT VAC) and Exams will be scheduled from Wednesday 4th November to Monday 9th November. Exam information and timetables will be distributed to students next week.

For year 11 students completing a year 12 subject, they are not expected to attend classes on the day of the examination. If their year 12 examination falls during the year 11 exam period, students should inform the Later Years office as soon as possible to reschedule the year 11 exam.

Information regarding year 11 and 12 orientation was published in the previous newsletter (see the important dates info in this newsletter).

Year 11 Students: progression to Year 12

Year 11 VCE students should be aware that they are required to pass a minimum of 10 units (including at least one unit of English) in order to progress to year 12. Intermediate VCAL students who do not meet the required competencies for all 10 Units of study (including their VET) will not be eligible for their Intermediate Certificate. Students who do not successfully meet outcomes in one or more of their subjects will be required to attend an interview with the Year Level Coordinators before their year 12 enrolment is accepted. If you have any questions regarding your child's progress, contact their homegroup teacher, or one of the Coordinators, Adam Hands, Hannah Lewis or the Sub-school Leader, Anna Dollman.

2010 Year 11 & 12

2010 VCE and VCAL students will be provided with a provisional timetable in the coming weeks. If you have concerns about your course selection or wish to make a change, please see the Careers office as soon as possible.

Library News

Specky Magee book launch

On Wednesday 7th October a group of year 7 and 8 students were lucky to be able to participate in the launch of the latest book in the very popular "Specky Magee" series. The book is called "Specky Magee and the battle of the young guns".

We travelled by train to Southern Cross station and then walked a short distance to the new Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre which was massive in size. A crowd of several thousand school students were entertained by the authors, Felice Arena and Garry Lyon. Students were then able to purchase copies of the book and have it personally autographed by the authors.



"The entertainment was good, especially the gymnasts"
"Garry and Felice were inspiring and funny"
"It rocked!"
"The venue was awesome and the chairs different"
"It was a long and tiring, but enjoyable day"
"I cannot wait to read the book"
"We enjoyed the train ride"
"It was a new experience to buy Metcards and go through the ticket gates"
"The best part was the countdown to the launch"
"The audience involvement was fantastic"
"It was cool"
"It was totally awesome"



VCAA Examination Timetable (Year 12):

Further information and exam regulations are published in 2009 VCE Exam Navigator, which was distributed to students in April.

Friday 30th October	9am	English & ESL
Monday 2nd November	9am 11.45am	Biology; Music Performance - Group Further Mathematics Exam 1
Tuesday 3rd November	Public Holiday – No Examinations	
Wednesday 4th November	9am 11.45am 3pm	Theatre Studies Further Mathematics Exam 2 English Language; Sociology
Thursday 5th November	9am 11.45am 3pm	Psychology; VET Electrotechnology Accounting English Literature
Friday 6th November	9am 11.45am 3pm	Maths Methods(CAS) – Exam 1 H & HD Economics; VET Multimedia
Monday 9th November	9am 11.45am 3pm	Design & Technology; VET Financial Services Maths Methods (CAS) – Exam 2 PE
Tuesday 10th November	9am 11.45am 3pm	VET Hospitality Visual Communications & Design Australian History; IT Applications
Wednesday 11th November	9am 11.45am 3pm	Studio Arts Dance; Physics; VET Business Legal Studies
Thursday 12th November	9am 11.45am 3pm	Chemistry; VET Music Industry History: Revolutions Outdoor Education
Friday 13th November	9am 11.45am 3pm	Systems Engineering Geography Business Management
Monday 16th November	9am 11.45am 3pm	Drama; VET IT LOTE: Spanish, Latin, Vietnamese; Media Japanese SL; Philosophy
Tuesday 17th November	9am 3pm	Food Technology German
Wednesday 18th November	9am	VET Engineering
Thursday 19th November	11.45am	Chinese FL

FLOWER SHOW AND FAIR
Berwick Anglican Church - Corner Elgin and Peel
Streets

SATURDAY 24TH OCTOBER

9 am - 3 pm

Books, Bric-a-brac, Trash and treasure
HandCrafts

Handbags-Jewellery-Ties and Belts
Cakes, Slices, Biscuits and Preserves
Pot plants and cut flowers

Silent Auction

Children's activities including creative art
and face painting

Morning tea, lunch and sausage-sizzle
bar-b-que

There's something for everyone...

Become a part of Berwick Springs Sports
Club INC.



Join the Berwick Springs Junior Cricket
Club

Created BY the local community
FOR the local community.

URGENTLY NEEDED
UNDER 15 AND UNDER 17
PLAYERS

Boys OR Girls required

