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Important Dates for Term 4 - 2009

November		
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

CHANGE OF BELL TIMES FOR 2010

Dear Parents,

In order to be able to deliver the best possible teaching programs to our students, it is of great importance to maximise the use of teacher meeting time. Following a great deal of deliberation on this matter, it has been decided to run an uninterrupted meeting time for all teachers on Wednesday afternoons between 2:30 and 4:30pm. To be able to do this lessons have been made slightly longer on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays and slightly shorter on Wednesdays. In 2010 students will be dismissed at 3:25pm on each day except for Wednesdays, when they will be dismissed at 2:20pm.

Parents who need their children to be supervised at school until 3:25pm on Wednesdays, will be able to enrol them into Homework club, which will be supervised at this time each Wednesday in the library. Opportunity to sign up for homework club will be sent to parents in late January next year.

I have been in-touch with Cardinia Bus Lines in order to adjust the Metro bus timetable to minimise inconvenience to our students.

STUDENTS DRIVING TO SCHOOL

As we approach the end of the school year, more and more of our students obtain their driver's licence and drive their car to school. In relation to this I need to make the following points:

- Students who drive to school mostly park outside of the school grounds, unfortunately our car parks are not large enough to accommodate student vehicles.
- Students are not permitted to drive other students home in their cars. I thank our senior students and parents for their co-operation in this matter.

Many thanks,

Michael Muscat
Principal

Financial assistance for your child's education

Education is the Victorian Government's number one priority and we believe every child deserves every opportunity to succeed at school.

Our Government continues to invest in more teachers, better school buildings and making education more affordable through initiatives like the *School Start Bonus* and the

Education Maintenance Allowance to ensure children have the best possible opportunities for their education.

The Education Maintenance Allowance helps cover the cost of essential educational items like textbooks, stationery, uniforms and excursions for your child.

In 2010 the annual Education Maintenance Allowance payment is **\$225 for primary school students and \$450 for secondary students** from eligible families. This amount is split evenly between the parents/guardians and the school to support your child's education.

You can receive the parent/guardian portion of the Education Maintenance Allowance by direct bank deposit into your nominated bank account or by cheque.

If your child is starting Prep or Year 7, you will also receive the \$300 Victorian Government *School Start Bonus* to help with the extra costs associated with starting primary or secondary education.

We wish your child every success for the new school year.

Yours Sincerely

John Brumby MP Hon Bronwyn Pike MP

Premier of Victoria Minister for Education

EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE: INFORMATION FOR PARENTS / GUARDIANS

The Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) provides assistance to eligible families by helping with the costs associated with the education of their children.

In 2010 the EMA payment for parents/guardians is as stated above. This amount is split evenly between the parents/guardians and the school and is paid in two instalments as per the schedule of payments set out in the table below.

Schedule of payments in 2010

Instalment Portion payable to Primary school rate* Secondary school rate*

One (70% of EMA) Parent \$ 78.75 \$ 157.50

School \$ 78.75 \$ 157.50

Two (30% of EMA) Parent \$ 33.75 \$ 67.50

School \$ 33.75 \$ 67.50

Total for 2010 \$ 225.00 \$ 450.00

*Student year level (or age for ungraded and special school students) forms the basis for calculating the amount payable. Students turning sixteen during the year will be paid on a pro rata basis up to and including the month they reach the age of sixteen.

The first instalment will comprise 70 per cent of the EMA and will be paid from March 2010. The second instalment will comprise the remaining 30 per cent and will be paid from August 2010.

This payment schedule recognises that families incur the highest educational costs at the start of the school year.

Eligibility

To be eligible to receive the EMA, you must:

- be either a parent or guardian of a primary or secondary school student up to the age of sixteen; **and**
- be an eligible beneficiary of a Centrelink pension, allowance or benefit within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004 or be a Veterans Affairs (TPI) pensioner or be a foster parent; and submit your application to the school by the due date.

The eligibility criteria must be met as at the first day of 1st Term (**27 January 2010** which is the first day for teaching staff) for the first instalment and the first day of 3rd Term (**12 July 2010**) for the second instalment. Any applications based on Centrelink payments that are not income tested (e.g. Carer Allowance, formerly Child Disability Allowance, Mobility Allowance and Remote Area Allowance) are not eligible unless the claimant, in their own name, complies with the second dot point above.

The EMA is payable up until the age of 16 years. Once a student turns 16, they should apply for Youth Allowance through Centrelink. For further information visit www.centrelink.gov.au

Application forms

Application forms are available from your child's school. A separate application is required for each school if you have children attending different schools.

Please submit your application to your child's school by **26 February 2010** for the first instalment of the EMA and by **6 August 2010** for the second instalment of the EMA unless your child remains enrolled at the same school and you were paid the first EMA instalment.

Sports News

State Rugby Final

On the 19th of November the year 7 boy's rugby team competed in the Robbie Kearns Cup. The boys played 5 games in 35 degree heat to win 4 out of the 5 games. In the final Kambrya played Torquay and it was a very tight contest right to the final siren. The team held off the opposition offence for 2 minutes to clinch the state title. The final score was 7-6. Well done boys, an amazing effort and Kambrya's first state title!

Congratulations to Stephen Morey who recently won the hammer throw in the Victoria all schools championships. On December 3rd he will be representing Victoria in the Australian All schools championships. We wish Steve all the best with his upcoming competition.



Ever wanted to finish a triathlon but never knew where to start?

Looking for a sport the whole family can do?

Casey Cardinia Triathlon Squad is holding a 2 week beginners course starting on **Monday December 7th**

**7:30pm Casey Arc Training Room —
FREE Information Session**

We have over 20 members aged 8-16 and a whole range of adults so there will be someone your age and ability to work with

For an information flyer please email

President Nick Conway:

nick@nick-conway.com

Star Awards Excursion

On the 19th November 2009, 2 students from each class in year 7 and 8 were invited to the star awards excursion to Casey Race swimming pool. When we arrived we went and had a swim in the pool before we had 2 hours to use the waterslides. There were two waterslides, the space bowl and the raft ride and we all had lots of fun going on them again and again. All of the students who attended had a really great time and on a 36 degree day, where else would we have rather been! A big thank you to Mr Edwards for organising the excursion and Mr Denham and Miss Stevens for coming to the pool with us.

Brooke Moloney, Danielle Johnson and Amy Archer
W7A



Music News

Year 9 Music and Dance Journey Celebration Concert. On December 1st at 7pm students in the Music and Dance Journey will be performing their pieces and dances that they have been rehearsing all semester. Fast Food Journey will also be providing food and drink. Come and support the Year 9 students and celebrate their achievements. Tickets are \$6 and are available from the Front Office. Students under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult.

As of this week, both Woodwind and Drum kit lessons will finish. Junior band had its last rehearsal on Friday. Voice, Brass, Guitar and Bass Lessons will finish up in week 10. Choir rehearsals will continue on Thursdays also until week 10.

Many students were involved in making a CD of some performance pieces over the last few weeks. Many thanks to those students who had practised their songs and were brave enough to record them. This will hopefully be an endeavour that we will continue with next year.

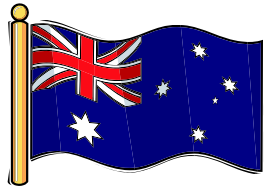
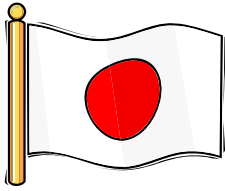
A reminder to all instrumental students who are continuing with music lessons in 2010 that you should re-enrol before 9th December so that lessons will start in week 1 next year.

There is no difference between solo or group lessons in 2010. More advanced students will get priority for single lessons. Costs are for the entire year and are as follows

Woodwind (flute, clarinet, oboe, saxophone, etc.)
\$200
Brass (trumpet, trombone, French horn, tuba, etc.)
\$200
Voice, Guitar, Bass Guitar, Drum kit \$600

Enrolment is for the entire year. If you have any problems with payment please contact the office as payment plans can be made.

Thank you to all those music students who performed, practised, turned up to lessons, attended rehearsals and generally had a fun time this year!



HOST FAMILIES REQUIRED - MARCH 2010

❖ *Following our very successful study tour to Japan with Year 10 and 11 students during the September break, we will be receiving a return visit from students and teachers from our relationship school in Osaka, Hatsushiba Ritsumeikan Junior High School in March 2010. Our visitors will be staying with us from Wednesday 17th March until Sunday 28th March 2010 and will participate in a cultural exchange program at Kambrya College. The visit by Hatsushiba Ritsumeikan Junior High School presents a wonderful opportunity for the College community, particularly students in Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 who are studying Japanese. We are looking for families to host these students for the duration of their visit in Berwick.*

NO, YOU DO NOT HAVE TO SPEAK JAPANESE

THIS IS A WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY TO EXPERIENCE ANOTHER CULTURE

If you interested in being a host family or require more information, please contact Ms Jane Herbert at Kambrya College on 9707 7600.

❖ **The Department of Education and Early Childhood, in cooperation with the *Asia Education Foundation has started a new project: 'Becoming Asia Literate: Grants to Schools',** which will provide \$7.24 million to Australian primary and secondary schools through three annual competitive funding rounds between 2009 and 2011. These grants will assist schools to promote the teaching and learning of Asian languages and/or the studies of Asia related to one or more of the four NALSSP target countries - China, Indonesia, Japan and Korea.

I am very glad to inform you that Kambrya College was successful in the first round and will be allocated \$19,000 for our 'Discover Japan' project. This project will consist of developing a new 'Language Learning Centre' which will contain: a class set of computers with cameras, a Smart board with speakers and a computer program which will allow us communicate live with our sister schools in Japan and Germany. It will also allow us to carry out activities that will let our students utilise their second language skills. The project is underway and we will keep you updated with the developments of this invaluable project, which we believe will give our students the opportunity to broaden their horizons and communicate easily with the outside world. This is another big step for Kambrya students to become world citizens.

*The Asia Education Foundation (AEF) is a joint activity of Asialink at the University of Melbourne and Curriculum Corporation. The AEF advocates for and supports Asia literacy in Australian schools

❖ There will be an Art Exhibition by Keiko Kobayashi, a Japanese Artist, which will be opening on the 19th November 2009, at 6:30pm and duration will be from the 19th November until the 24th December 2009. Miss Kobayashi would like to introduce to many other people, not only the Japanese language, but also Japanese Culture, History and Literacy through her art. Her contribution to the exhibition will comprise a collage of Origami and Calligraphy to evoke 'Fond Memories of Japan'. She hopes to share these memories of Japan with other Japanese people who are living in Australia, and also to give people from other countries and ethnic backgrounds, a sense of the memories and warm feelings these images of Japan can give - even if they have never visited Japan before.

The Exhibition will take place at the East and West Art Gallery
665 High street, East Kew Victoria 3102, Australia
For more information, please contact: (03) 9859 6277 or visit:
<http://www.eastwestart.com.au/>

❖ The annual Taiko Concert (Japanese Drumming) will be held on the following dates:
Premiere 7:00pm - Saturday 12 December 2009
Matinee 2:00pm - Sunday 13 December 2009
At the Performing Arts Theatre in **Our Lady of Mercy College**, Yarra Street, Heidelberg (adjacent to the College, which is at 52 Cape Street)
Ticket prices are: Adult \$15(pre-sales \$12), Conc. \$12 (pre-sales 10)

Please contact: toshi@wadaikorindo.com for tickets
This is a highly recommended show; the venue is small so you can really feel the drums!!!

❖ In German, Our Year 9 students have been baking 'LEBKUCHEN' (Gingerbread) this week. They have had an enjoyable time baking these delicious biscuits.

❖ Next week, our Year 9 German students will be going out on an excursion to the Cuckoo Restaurant in the city. The excursion will be held on December 3rd and students will be leaving the school after recess. We are sure they will have a fantastic time!
I would like to thank Ms Creasy and Mr Keeble for organising these excursions.

Writers Workshop

For the enjoyment of our readers, this is a charming piece written for children

APPLE TARTS by Laura Pirotta B9C

Little Andromeda giggled as she clapped her chubby hands together.

"More!" she squealed happily. "More!"

Her older brother was only too happy to oblige.

The 6 year old climbed up the sparkling white kitchen chair and reached his hand into the pantry, feeling around the shelf.

Little Gabriel's grin widened as his fist closed around something.

He crouched down and slowly climbed off the chair.

Gabriel turned to his sister and offered the thick, sweet apple tart. Grinning, she bounded over and took a bite. As they both munched on the sweet, Andromeda and Gabriel heard footsteps. Eyes widening, they both raced off to their play room.

Andromeda pushed the apple tart into her brother's hand as the footsteps gained on them.

"Take it!" she whispered noisily.

Gabriel paused. "Are you sure?" he whispered back.

"I'll meet you there," the four year old flung her head back dramatically and gave her brother a little shove.

Andromeda yelped as she felt herself being picked up. Turning around, she found herself face to face with her mother.

Andromeda gave an adorable smile and fluttered her eyelashes.

"Hello mum! How are you?"

Her mother raised her eyebrows, her warm eyes crinkling. She looked as though she was desperately trying not to smile.

"Well Andromeda, I was on my way to the kitchen before. And do you know what I saw?"

Andromeda frantically shook her head, her beautiful blue eyes widening.

"What did you see mum?" she asked, hoping she didn't look as guilty as she felt.

This time, her mother smiled.

"Well, the apple tart that I bought was all gone! The kitchen chairs were all over the place and there were crumbs absolutely everywhere!"

"Oh no mum! It sounds like we have rats!" Andromeda exclaimed.

"Rats?"

"That's right, rats!" Andromeda flashed a dazzling smile.

Her mother hummed.

"And where about is your brother?"

Andromeda thought quickly, biting her lower lip.

"His, um, taking a nap!"

"A nap?"

"Yeah, a nap. 'Cause he's so tired."

Her mother nodded and placed Andromeda back on the floor.

"I see. Well, when Gabriel is finished sleeping, you can help me make dinner. That sound okay to you?"

Andromeda nodded impatiently. Finally, her mother turned and left. Andromeda raced through the hall before stopping outside a large wooden door.

When she knocked, she heard a faint whisper.

"Password?"

Andromeda bit her lip. She *never* remembered the passwords.

"Umm, pink?"

She received no answer.

"Lolly pop? Shrimp? Christmas? Chocolate?"

Finally, Gabriel opened the door. Standing aside, he let her into the warm, inviting play room.

"Finally!" he moaned.

"I thought I was going to have to eat it all by myself!"

Andromeda quickly spun around.

"But, you didn't, right?" she asked cautiously.

Gabriel rolled his eyes.

"Course not. Promised I'd wait for you, didn't I?"

Andromeda beamed and gave her brother a big hug.

"Thank-you, thank-you, thank-you!" she squealed excitedly.

Gabriel walked over to the small cubby house and pulled out the apple tart. Andromeda got out the plastic tea set and the small table. They both sat down and held a tea party with their teddies. Of course, Gabriel insisted that tea parties were 'for girls' and he was only there for the apple tart, but Andromeda knew he had heaps of fun.

Later, their mother came up and entered the room. She smiled as she saw the brother and sister curled up on the couch, with all their teddies around them and the crumbs of the apple tart scattered on the floor.



City of Casey Presents:

FREE SHOWBAG for the first 500 people including a 2010 Events Wall Planner

FREE BBQ for the first 500 people

Featuring speaker, author and coach, Jen Harwood

Over 25 exhibition stands

Talented local performers

FREE children's activities - face painting, jumping castle and SandWizard

No admission fee or registration required

Linking businesses and local event organisers

Saturday 21 November 2009

10.00 am – 4.00 pm FREE EVENT

Venue: Balla Balla Centre,
65 Berwick - Cranbourne Road
Cranbourne East VIC 3977 (Melway Ref: 134 B6)
Telephone: 9705 5200
TTY (Telephone Typewriter): 9705 5568
TIS (Translating and Interpreting Service): 131450
www.casey.vic.gov.au/eventexpo



Kambrya College Second-hand Uniform & Book Sale

Saturday 12th December 9am to 11am

The sale will be held in LLLC.

Items will be selling for half the retail price



You can:

Book a table for \$5 and sell your own goods. These must be pre-booked and paid for by 4th December, and you can set up from 8.30am.

To book a table simply place \$5 in an envelope clearly labelled "Second Hand Uniform & Book Sale" with your name and a contact phone number, and leave it at the main administration office before 4th December.

Or you can:

Donate items to the college for the Parent Team to sell. These can be dropped off at the main office from Tuesday 8th December. The money raised from the sale of these goods will be used to help finance student activities.

Then you can:

Purchase books and uniform for next year at half the retail price.

Bookings & Enquiries: 9707-7600 - Julie Ramm or Cheryl Zubac

Please note:

Buyers: Some changes have been made to the booklist, therefore please **check the booklist thoroughly before** purchasing your books as no refunds can be given

Sellers: Please check that the books you are selling are **listed on the 2010 booklist**