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Important Dates for Term 1 2012

February		
13 th – 17 th	Monday – Friday	Yr 12 Study Camp at Somers
23 rd	Thursday	Whole School Swimming Carnival
29 th	Wednesday	Parent Teacher Conference & Yr 11 Netbook Rollout sessions
March		
12 th	Monday	Labour Day Public Holiday
17 th	Saturday	Working Bee
19 th – 30 th	Monday – Friday	Hatsushiba Junior High School Osaka Japan – exchange students visit
27 th	Tuesday	Yr 7 Immunisations

Principal's Message

Dear Parents

A warm welcome back to the 2012 School Year!

We have all been absolutely delighted by the positive recommencement of school following the summer break. As you will remember, the Commencement Program was introduced late last year which meant that the 2012 academic year began on 14 November 2011. Senior students then completed the first three weeks of their new year while junior students completed four. The feedback from parents and extremely high rates of students' attendance late last year was fantastic! The benefits of the Commencement Program continue to flow as we enter the new calendar year.

I would also like to praise our new year 7 students who have made an excellent start at Kambrya College. The year 7 students have been well organised, punctual, in correct uniform and ready to begin their studies with a terrific attitude. May I thank all parents for their work in preparing all our students to make a productive start to 2012.

It should be noted that our teachers and support staff have made a tremendous effort to have the College in tip-top condition for our students in every respect. Above all, our staff strive to know each of our students as learners – their strengths, their weaknesses and how to engage and challenge them. A late surge of enrolments and anecdotal feedback indicates that our community has developed a high regard and confidence in Kambrya College.

As we enter 2012, I encourage all parents and guardians to take an active interest in their child's learning and progress at school. Get to know your child's teachers and Sub School Leaders. All the evidence we have suggests that the more parents are involved in their child's learning, the more likely they are of being successful.

May I wish all our parents, students and staff a most successful year at Kambrya College.

Michael Muscat
Principal

Term Dates 2012

TERM 1	2 ND FEB – 30 TH MARCH
TERM 2	16 TH APRIL – 29 TH JUNE
TERM 3	16 TH JULY – 21 ST SEPTEMBER
TERM 4	8 TH OCTOBER – 21 ST DECEMBER

GENERAL OFFICE News

Student information details for year 7- 11 are due back to Home Group Teachers by 17th February 2012.

Year 12 Student information details are due back to Leanne Wilson by 24th February 2012.

STUDENT EXCHANGE News

In March, Kambrya will host a visit from our Japanese sister school, Hatsushiba. We have a total of 19 students coming for 2 weeks to experience life in Australia.

We are currently searching for families who are interested in hosting either a male or female student. No special requirements are necessary to be involved in the program and it is a great experience for your family.

For more information, please contact either Mr Ben Forbes or Mrs Michelle Pezzimenti at the College.

MUSIC News



Instrumental lessons are now available for all students. Instruments offered are:

Trumpet, Trombone, Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone, Drums, Guitar and Bass Guitar

Lesson fees are **\$160.00** for the **ENTIRE** year with a minimum of 7 lessons per term. **SUPER CHEAP!**

Lessons are on a rotating basis during class on Wednesdays. All students are encouraged to get involved. Expression of interest forms are now available at the front office.

Lesson have already commenced for any students continuing from last year/have returned a form already. Any problems, please contact the Music Department on 9707 7600.

SCHOOL CONNECTEDNESS News

Sub school Competitions

In 2011, we started a new tradition at Kambrya with the introduction of regular sporting and academic competitions between the Sub Schools and in 2012, we aim to have even more students involved!! Term one competitions will include Volleyball and Maths Challenges. More information will be provided to students at assemblies and through their Home Group teachers. For an overview of the program, please see the important dates' calendar in the newsletter. Lisa Stevens, Sub School Activities Coordinator.

Lunch Time Activities

There is a strong culture of Lunch Time Clubs at Kambrya, there are many activities offered and students are always welcome to suggest new clubs they'd like to start up. Keep your eyes open for signs in the B10 notice board and future newsletters for updates. Stephanie Polan, Activities Coordinator.

W	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1				2 School Starts	3
2	6	7 Whole School Assembly Period 1	8 Year 7 Netbooks	9 Volleyball School Photos	10
3	13	14	15	16 Volleyball	17
Year 12 Study Camp					
4	20 Senior Volleyball Comp	21	22	23 Swimming Carnival	24
5	27 Year 8 Sports	28	29 P/T Interviews Y11 Netbooks	1 Volleyball Gwonawa vs Mirrim	2
6	5 Senior Volleyball Comp	6	7	8 Volleyball Warin vs Bulen	9
7	12 Labour Day	13	14	15 Volleyball Bronze Medal Playoff	16 Year 9 & 10 Sports
8	19 Senior Sports	20 Journey Excursion Day	21	22 Volleyball Gold Medal Playoff	23 Journey Excursion Day
9	26 Math Challenge Grand Final	27 Year 7 Immunisations	28 Year 7 Sports	29	30 Cross Country 7-10

Year Level Sports Term 1 - Boys & Girls Volleyball, Tennis, Baseball & Softball

PUBLIC NOTICES

Financial assistance for parents/guardians with children commencing Prep or Year 7 in 2012

Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA):

The Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) is provided by the Victorian Government to low-income families to help with education-related costs.

If you have a child under 16, and hold a valid Health Care Card, Pension Card, or are a foster parent, you may be eligible to receive the EMA. The allowance is split evenly between the parent and the school, and is paid in two instalments, one in March and one in August.

In 2012, the total annual amount is **\$235** for primary students and **\$470** for secondary students – these amounts are split evenly between the parents/guardians and the school.

School Start Bonus:

The School Start Bonus is provided by the Victorian Government to assist low-income families with the costs associated with their child starting Prep or Year 7 at a government or non-government school.

If you hold a valid Health Care Card, Pension Card, or are a foster parent, and you have a child starting Prep or Year 7, you may be eligible to receive this one-off **\$300** payment.

The School Start Bonus will be paid by Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) into your nominated bank account.

The School Start Bonus is separate, and additional to the Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA).

How to Apply: Contact the school office to complete an application form for the EMA/School Start Bonus.

Closing Date: Parents/guardians with prep or year 7 children commencing in 2012 need to lodge an EMA/School Start Bonus form up until 29 February 2012.

For more information about the School Start Bonus and the EMA, visit www.education.vic.gov.au/aboutschool/financial/

Education Tax Refund:

The Education Tax Refund is a Commonwealth Government tax refund to help with the cost of educating primary and secondary school children. Eligible parents, carers, legal guardians and independent students can be reimbursed for half the cost of items such as computers, educational software, textbooks and stationery.

For more information about the Education Tax Refund, visit www.educationtaxrefund.gov.au/

Victorian Public Transport Student Concession Card and Student Pass

2012 Victorian Student Pass – This pass provides travel for students on all metropolitan trains, trams and buses. As was the case in 2011, the Student Pass will be issued on myki. Students can buy a yearly or half yearly pass. Students under 16 are not required to purchase a Concession Card but can still get a **child myki for concession travel**. Go to the myki website – myki.com.au or call **13 6954**.

Proof of concession entitlement – All students aged 17 and over, or those requiring a Student Pass (regardless of age) are required to obtain a 2012 VPT Student Concession Card as proof of their entitlement. Application forms for the VPT are available from Metropolitan Premium Stations, The MetShop (cnr Swanston & Little Collins St) or online at metlinkmelbourne.com.au or myki.com.au.

It is strongly recommended that students register their myki particularly so the balance of their myki is protected if it is lost or stolen.

Further information regarding student travel arrangements under myki can be obtained by visiting myki.com.au and going to the student area under the “About myki” section of the website or from metlinkmelbourne.com.au.

Casey Panthers Junior Soccer Club are holding their 2012 Registration Day

When: Sunday Februray 19th 11am to 1pm

Where: Prospect Hill Reserve, 79 Kurrajong Rd, Narre Warren

For more information: www.caseypanthers.org.au or caseypanthers@hotmail.com

You can also call Darryn Ricketts on 0400 800 807