

Principal's Message

Dear parents, guardians, students, staff and community members,

I hope that all families had a fantastic school holiday period. For those who celebrated Easter, I hope that it was a spiritual one for you and your family too.

What a buzz there is around the school this week! It is fantastic to see all of the students and staff bouncing back into school feeling refreshed and ready to go!

Can I start the term by acknowledging the staff for their hard work, but particularly the teachers in regards to the Parent/Student/Teacher conferences over the last two days of the term. Doing non-stop interviews for two days is very exhausting, but it is also very rewarding!

On the final Tuesday of last term, it was also great to be able to bring all of year levels together one at a time to engage in the school cross country carnival. Unfortunately, it had to be cancelled last year due to COVID19, so it was great to see all of our students running together again. Big shout out to Mr Shannon Roscoe and all the other staff and students who worked together to make it happen.

It was with great excitement that we brought the entire school together on Thursday for the first whole school assembly since early February 2019. And my, what a massive college we now have! 1740 students and 203 staff came together as one. It was also with a sense of gratitude that we were able to do so, humble in the knowledge that in most other places in the world, people are unable to gather with such confidence and safety. The core focus of our assembly in term two is our annual ANZAC day ceremony. Words will simply not do it justice, but this year's ceremony was simply extraordinary! Our amazing student leaders did a great job as MCs; well done to Fatima Mohebbi, Christy B Thomas, Olivia Poulton, Riley Pitcher, Livinia Walden, Kiara Mathews, and Ms Charlotte Davison. We were also treated to a live performance of the Last Post on the trumpet by Year 10 student Noah Cerros, and live renditions of both the Australian and New Zealand anthems, performed by students Tahlia Leederkerken, Katelyn Vevers, Alexander Zaheraldin, and Jodicee Suapitinesavelio respectively. Their performances left us all in awe. Mr Adam Hands provided a stirring retelling of the stories of young soldiers in WWI, and we were also treated to a fantastic poem from Year 9 student Rui Rui Yao (the poem is published later in the newsletter). We have also encouraged all students to tune in to the dawn service via the Shrine of Remembrance website; our student leaders have posted the links to Compass for all students. Our entire College demonstrated the most exemplary behaviour and respect for the entire assembly; you could hear a pin drop for the entire 50 minutes! We were so proud!

Key Dates

2021

All School Calendar dates now appear on Compass - we strongly encourage all parents to check for upcoming events through Compass, click on the Calendar Tab, then Public Whole School Calendar, you are able to view details in a Week or Month format

Thursday 6th May
Year 10 Meningococcal Vaccinations

Tuesday 11th, Wednesday 12th &
Thursday 13th May
Year 7 & 9 NAPLAN Testing

Friday 28th May
Student Free Day

Monday 14th June
Queen's Birthday Public Holiday

Friday 25th June
Last day Term 2

SEAL News

Gallipoli

*Battered then they did arrive
On roaring waves upon the sea;
Into shadowed waters dive,
Beneath bombardments of debris,
And struggling, they fruitlessly,
Mounted sheer hill rising tall;
To die and kill appallingly,
While the ocean watches mankind all.*

*The distant planted seeds of past,
Grown 'neath sun and clouded rain,
Will sprout again for woe at last,
Blooming poppies, war, and pain.
That crimson blood on highland plain,
Showered on the grass's' bed,
Burgundy petals, blood from vein,
Stand on human corpses dead.*

*Squandering humanity,
Reunions gone and lives unled,
Nobly dying needlessly,
Untimely deaths and words unsaid;
Tolls of war forever dread,
Still silent bones lie by the shore,
Token of cheerless bloodshed,
Remembering the cost of war.*

by Rui Rui Yao

Prior to the holidays Year 9 SEAL students have been studying about WW1 and the ANZAC spirit. They watched a documentary and studied about Gallipoli. To consolidate student understanding students worked on poems about what life was like in WW1 on Gallipoli.

This week Year 9 SEAL Humanities class submitted poems about Gallipoli they wrote over the holidays. Poems were read out loud and then students voted on the winning poem. The winning poem was written by Rui Rui Yao.



After our ceremony concluded, it was with a heavy heart that I also spoke to our College about the recent tragic death of a former student. Many of you would have seen in the news recently that a young man, Jason Langhans, lost his life to a senseless act of violence. Jason was a former student of the College, having left at the end of 2019 to pursue an apprenticeship. It was a very sobering moment for all of us to look across to where the Year 12 students were sitting and picture him sitting there with his peers. We paid our respects to Jason, and I have extended the condolences of the entire College community to Jason's mother and their family. Stacey, his older sister was also a former student of the College. Understandably, they are all doing it very tough, and our thoughts are with them. We've been putting supports around the senior students who have found this news very challenging, and some of our staff who knew Jason well have also found it tough to digest. In relaying this tragic news, I also reminded all of our students that violence has no place in our society, and that it is never an acceptable means for conflict resolution. We will never tolerate it in our school, or our community. Whilst the huge majority of our 1700+ students make the right choices in this regard, I encourage all parents to discuss this with your children. In the event that your child ever needs assistance with constructive conflict resolution with peers, please encourage them to work with us.

With the cold and flu season now upon us, can I please remind all parents that it is still more important than ever that you do not send your child to school with any symptoms. Whilst currently low, COVID19 is still a risk in the community, but we also don't want any colds or flu taking hold in the school!

I have said it many times before, but regrettably it appears that I can't say it enough; please do not double park on Bemersyde Drive, nor park in the bus zones or clear ways. I make no apologies in stating that I have asked the City of Casey to send more by-laws officers to the area to enforce parking and traffic laws. The safety of our students is paramount. All parents do not need to pick up their children at the front of the school; they are capable of walking a block or two to meet you. Please try to minimise the traffic congestion at the front of the school wherever you can. A reminder that crossing solid lines and performing U-turns near the school crossings is also illegal. I appreciate your support to ensure the safety of our students, and those from Brentwood Park Primary School too.

We have a massive term ahead of us; NAPLAN for Year 7 and 9 students, End of Semester exams for Year 8-12 students, Attitudes to School Surveys, Athletics Day, Central Australia camp, just to name a few!

Wishing all families a fantastic weekend.

Kind regards,

Keith Perry
Principal



VET Building & Construction News

At Kambrya College, VET Building and Construction provides students with real life scenarios and practices within the construction industry. Here you can see our 2nd year students participating in a practical assessment by setting out a small house on our oval. Students had to organise all materials and equipment to complete the task to required level to ensure they were marked competent for this unit.



First Aid News

YEAR 10 MENINGOCOCCAL IMMUNISATION

All students in year 10 should have received an immunisation consent card for the meningococcal A,C,W,Y vaccination that is scheduled for Thursday 6th May.

What do I need to do?

Read the information provided in your child's consent card booklet and complete all sections, regardless of whether or not you consent for your child to be vaccinated as part of the school-based program (handed out in school on Tuesday 20th April 2021).

Detach Part A of the consent card booklet with all fields completed, and return to school (either Front Reception or Sick Bay). Completed forms must be returned by Monday 26th April 2021.

For further information on the school-based immunisation program, please go to the following link:

- <https://www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/health/healthyliving/immunisation-in-secondary-schools>

If your child is absent on the given dates, you should contact Casey Council for an alternate clinic date/time. Your family doctor is also able to administer these immunisations.

If you have any queries, please contact Nicole, our College First aid Officer on 9707 7613 or Casey Environment Health Unit on 9705 5515.

Sports News

Swimming

Jack Howell competed at the National Swimming Championships on the Gold Coast from 5-7 April. Jack raced 5 races and achieved 5 personal best times. Winning gold in the 50m Breaststroke under 19 years MC and a silver in the 100m Breaststroke. Jack is now the current National Champion for 50m Breaststroke.



Cycling

Tarun Cook competed at the National Junior Track Cycling Championships from 26 March 2021 – winning a bronze in the JM19 Omnium, a bronze in the Maddison and a silver in the Scratch race.



Triathlon

Skye Wallace competed at Race 5 2XU Triathlon on 28 March 2021 – winning a bronze in the Female 19-15 yrs Olympic distance, with a 4th place overall in the series.



Jack Howell competed at Race 5 2XU Triathlon on 28 March 2021 – winning a silver in the Male 19-15 yrs Sprint distance.



Admin News

Accounts Department

School Fees have been uploaded to Compass for payment through Course Confirmation/Payments (except for Music Lessons and Laptop Leases as these have been individually organised). ADP and VET program fees are now overdue and should be paid as soon as possible. Any queries should be directed to the Accounts Office – on 9707 7635 or 9707 7607.

Student Administration

A reminder to parents/guardians to email the college with any change of details as they occur such as:

- Change of address
- Change of mobile phone numbers
- Change of email address
- Changes to Emergency Contacts

Should you have any queries in relation to this please contact Student Admin/Attendance staff as follows:

- **Parents of Year 7 – 9 students please call 9707 7609**
- **Parents of Year 10 – 12 students please call 9707 7616**

Changes are required in writing, which can be emailed through to kambrya.co@education.vic.gov.au or in person - completion of a change of personal details form will be required.

Students Leaving School Early/Arriving Late

A reminder to parents/guardians to notify the college prior to students arriving to school either via email, in writing (a note with student) or phone call if your child/ren are:

- Arriving to school late - this is to avoid detentions being issued
- Leaving school early for a planned appointment - if prior knowledge is given our front office staff can arrange for your child/ren to be waiting for you to collect them at the front office
- For emergencies/unplanned appointments or other reasons for your child/ren to leave school early - please contact the front office via phone so that we can arrange for your child/ren to be waiting for you at the front office to be picked up
- Parents/Guardians/Emergency contacts **must** have their photo ID on when collecting their child/ren and sign students out in the Early Leavers book

Car Park/Access to School Grounds During School Hours

Parents, please note that parents are not permitted in either of the school car parks at any time - the car park is reserved for staff and supplier deliveries for the school only. Our car park is not to be used as a student pick up or drop off zone, as we believe it to be a dangerous practice.

Please also note that parents are not permitted to enter the school grounds during school/class times. We request that you please wait for your child to exit the school grounds at the end of the day and meet you in a designated meeting place, if you do need to enter the school grounds for any reason, then please make your way to Reception and speak with a member of the Administration staff.



Community News



IDENTIFY
UNDERSTAND
ADVOCATE
COLLABORATE
SUPPORT
2021

PARENT SEMINARS - SEMESTER ONE

GIFTED & HIGH ABILITY CHILDREN 101
TUESDAY MARCH 9, 7.30-9.00PM - [ONLINE](#)

SUPPORTING SOCIAL & EMOTIONAL NEEDS
MONDAY MARCH 22, 7.30-8.30PM - [ONLINE](#)

GIFTED & HIGH ABILITY CHILDREN
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS
MONDAY MARCH 29, 7.30-8.30PM - [ONLINE](#)

PARENT NETWORKS
THURSDAY APRIL 29, 7.30-8.30PM - [ONLINE](#)

WHAT'S POSSIBLE FOR SCHOOL-BASED
PROVISION FOR GIFTED & HIGH ABILITY LEARNERS
WEDNESDAY MAY 12, 7.30-8.30PM - [ONLINE](#)

GIFTED & HIGH ABILITY CHILDREN 101
MONDAY JUNE 7, 7.30-9.00PM - [FACE TO FACE](#)
(VENUE TBA)

GIFTED & HIGH ABILITY LEARNERS: PANEL WITH Q&A
TUESDAY JUNE 22, 7.30-9.00PM - [ONLINE](#)

Online Seminar Program

Participants who did not attend the seminar series in 2020 will watch the video presentation in advance and attend the Zoom session for discussion
(*video and Zoom links will be sent to participants after registration*).

Face to Face Seminar Program

Participants who did not attend the seminar series in 2020 will watch the video presentation in advance and attend the face to face session for discussion
(*video link and seminar location will be sent to participants after registration*).
A light supper will be provided.

FOR PARENTS OF GIFTED STUDENTS

For more information and to register, visit www.VAGTC.org.au/seminars
The Regional Seminar Series is an initiative by the VAGTC and funded by the Department of Education and Training, Victoria

