



Kyneton Secondary College

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Newsletter

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Kyneton Secondary College is committed to building a learning community, based on positive relationships and a strong work ethic, where people are able to realize their potential in a safe, caring, stimulating and sustainable environment.

A word from Glenn Davey

Dear Parent/Guardian/Student,

Kyneton Education Plan (KEP)– Moving Forward!

I am very pleased to report that both the Kyneton Secondary College School Council and the Kyneton Primary School Council voted **unanimously** on Monday night to accept the recommendation of the Education Department consultant to implement the KEP (K-4, 5-9 & 10-12 components) on the existing secondary college site and adjoining department land.

We are very confident that the shire will endorse this proposal which will include kindergarten as well as early childhood and maternal health care components. We are also keen to continue our relationship with other educational providers such as the Bendigo Regional Institute of TAFE (BRIT), as the key tertiary provider in the town.

We will now proceed to the engagement of architects as we begin the implementation of the KEP. When combined with other tremendous initiatives occurring within the town at the present time; such as the Heated Indoor Pool, the Community Hub and the community playground, this is indeed a very exciting time for the town and the broader Macedon Ranges community.

I would like to publicly thank all of the people involved in the KEP Working Party, the Steering Committee and community members who participated in community forums, for your work in bringing this bold vision to the point where it can be implemented.

Eleanor Davis Program

The Eleanor Davis program is a prestigious DEECD leadership development program for women. It's aims are to build leadership capacity within the DEECD; to increase the number of applicants and the representation of women in leadership positions and to build the skills, of both mentorees and mentors, around leadership.

It is an honour for me to have been invited to participate as a mentor. My mentoree is Jennie Ward, Leading Teacher and Head of Teaching & Learning, at Rochester Secondary College.

Jennie and I participated in an Induction program on Friday and Saturday of last week.

Part of the program involves a 5 day "shadowing" placement in the mentors school followed by a further three days at a later date.

Youth Allowance Concerns

Terry McNamara (School Council President) and I have written to a number of federal politicians this week to express our concerns at the proposed changes to the Youth Allowance (YA) which, in our view, seriously disadvantage our students and rural students more generally. Essentially the proposed amendments to YA mean that students will have to work at least 30 hours per week (previously 15) for 18 months after finishing secondary school, in addition to their tertiary studies, to qualify for the YA. Many students currently defer for a "gap" year in order to qualify. For most students this is an impossibility and will result in fewer rural students gaining a tertiary qualification.

Glenn Davey
Principal

DOWN THE STREET.

Parents are reminded that it is a privilege for students to be allowed down the street at lunchtime and it is only to run errands.

Students are not permitted to buy lunch down the street and must be in full school uniform to have a lunch pass.

COMING EVENTS.

	EVENT	YEARS
MAY		
Thursday 28 th	Production Performance	Yrs 8 - 11
Friday 29 th	Production Performance	Yrs 8 - 11
JUNE		
Monday 1 st	VCE Theatre Studies Excursion	Yrs 11 & 12
	Bricklaying Taster – all week	
Tuesday 2 nd	WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY	All
Thursday 4 th	Production Performance	Yrs 8 - 11
	Year 11 Study Day	Yr 11
	Year 9 Reach Day?	
Friday 5 th	Year 11 Exams Start	Yr 11
	Year 12 Study Day – Accounting & Science students only	Yr 12
	Production Performance	Yrs 8 - 11
June 8 th	QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY HOLIDAY	
June 9 th	Year 12 Exams	Yr 12
	Year 10 / 11 Exams	Yrs 10 / 11
June 10 th	Year 12 Exams	Yr 12
	Year 10 / 11 Exams	Yrs 10 / 11
June 11 th	Year 12 GAT	Yr 12
	Year 10 / 11 Exams	Yr 10 / 11
	Performing Arts Night	
June 12 th	Report Writing Day (No Students Required)	
June 15 th	SEMESTER 2 BEGINS	
	Debutante Ball Information Evening	
June 18 th	SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING	
June 25 th	Year 8 Excursion	
June 26 th	Reports Distributed	
	END OF TERM 2	

PLEASE NOTE PUPIL FREE DAY 12th JUNE, 2009.

Friday, 12th June will be a state wide Pupil Free Day (Report Writing Day). School buses will NOT operate on this day

UNIFORM SHOP HOURS.

The Uniform shop is open every **Monday, 3pm – 5pm** and **Tuesday 2.30pm – 4.30pm**

LAUNDRY ROSTER.

Friday 28th May: Kathy Lakey

(Please contact Judy at the school on 5421 1100 if you would like to take part in the roster.)

PARENT CLEANING GROUP.

The Parents & Friends Group have initiated support for the school. They are volunteering to undertake support cleaning and will be tackling particular tasks. Please see Cheryl Wheeldon in Room 34/35 at 3.30pm. to collect equipment and find out locations. The first date will be Wednesday, 20th May 3.30pm to 4.30pm. Any assistance whether on a regular basis or an occasional basis will be greatly appreciated. For more information kindly contact Cate Burton or Fiona Rankin.

Thank you

Cheryl Wheeldon

“Thank you to all the parents who participated in our first Parents’ Group cleaning project. Already we have had compliments on how much fresher things are looking. A reminder that everyone is welcome to come along and assist with the many projects around the College every Wednesday, from 3.30pm to 4.30pm. Please meet Cheryl at the Home Economics room. Any spare time donated is greatly appreciated.

It is terrific to see the learning areas of our students enhanced. Thank you.”

WHERE DO I GO AFTER SCHOOL? UNIVERSITY AND TAFE OPEN DAYS 2009

Employment data and projections make it absolutely clear that, to achieve their life goals, the vast majority of our students will have to undertake training, at a University or TAFE College, after completing School. Some options exist at TAFE after Year 11 but most students will need to finish Year 12, even to access pre-apprenticeship courses. One of the best ways available for our young people to focus on their options after leaving school is to visit University and TAFE Open Days. This gives you the chance to check out not only whether there are suitable courses available for you, but also (perhaps more importantly) to walk around to “feel” what it would be like to attend the campus for 1 – 4 years (depending on the course you enroll in).

Year 10 students -COULD attend perhaps one Open Day with parents (As part of the Year 10 program all students will visit BRIT, Latrobe – Bendigo and Victoria University St Albans and Footscray, and they could take their parents back to one of these)

Year 11 students -SHOULD attend one or two Open Days this year

Year 12 students -MUST attend Open Days at Institutions they are considering applying for in 2010

Mr Bromley is available to talk to any student as to which may be the most appropriate days to attend according to their career and training goals. For many of our families, campuses accessible by train are the most important as recently released figures from Melbourne University indicate that, for students to move to Melbourne and live independently, the cost will be over \$20,000 (after tax) per year at a time when it has just become far more difficult for young people to even qualify for the pittance available as Youth Allowance.

OPEN DAY DATES All from 10.am – 4.pm

Sun August 2 Monash Clayton and Caulfield

Sun August 9 RMIT Uni / TAFE Vic Uni Uni / TAFE (At Footscray) Deakin Geelong William Angliss

Sun Aug 16 Australian Catholic Uni (Melbourne(Deakin (Warrnambool) Latrobe (Bendigo) Swinburne Uni / TAFE Melbourne University (including College of the Arts)

Sun Aug 23 Deakin Melbourne

Sun Aug 30 Australian Catholic Uni (Ballarat) LaTrobe (Bundoora)

ANNUAL SCHOOL PRODUCTION.



JEKYLL & HYDE the Musical.

Bookings are now open at the General Office.

Adults \$15, Children/Concession \$10, Family Tickets (2 Adults & 2 Children) \$40.

This show is not suitable for children under 10.

Opening night, Thursday 28th May is Gala Night to attract more audience. ALL tickets on this evening are \$10.



Schools As Core Social Centres

Kyneton Cluster

Presents

A Forum for parents and community members on

Cybersafety

Robyn Treyvaud is a specialist Consultant and Director of the CybersafeKids Project & CyberSafeWorld. A leading authority on cybersafety and education, she has presented at international conferences and published papers in Australia, UK and has lead workshops in schools across Australia and Asia Pacific region..

Robyn will guide you through the digital landscape, explain new technologies and how they work. The presentation will include current research and practical strategies

You will learn about:

- Internet Safety
- Digital citizenship
- Resources
- Strategies & processes
- 21st Century skills

Date : Wednesday 3rd June

Time : 7.30pm – 9.30pm - Supper provided

Venue: Our Lady of the Rosary Primary School
43 – 47 Edgecombe st Kyneton

Cost : Gold Coin donation

Bookings Essential –seating available for 200 only.

RSVP by 1st June :

Kyneton Secondary College 5422 1511

Our Lady of the Rosary Primary 5422 2056

Kyneton Primary school 5422 1855

Sacred Heart College 5421 1200

EQUESTRIAN NEWS



Following the fantastic result of our equestrian team in Bendigo, two of the team members have represented the school with further success.

Rochelle Hansen and her horse, Snowview Reveal, competed at the Sacred Heart interschool Combined Training Day . They placed 5th in grade 3 dressage only, and 3rd in grade 4 combined training- which combines the scores of dressage and jumping.

Skye Kennedy and her horse, Taro, placed 1st in the grade 3 dressage only. They also competed in Novice Dressage at the Braemar Interschool event . They placed 3rd in Novice 2.2 and 2nd in Novice 2.4 . The combined scores saw them win Reserve Champion Novice Dressage.

Our school is aiming to promote and encourage all our horse riders.

We have attractive new jumpers and saddle blanket patches.

Please watch for more Equestrian News if you are interested in becoming involved in the exciting sport . An upcoming meeting and pizza night will help you access information and meet other riders.

COMMUNITY NEWS

TRIVIA NIGHT.

Fancy a fun night out without the kids, full of bargains and prizes?

Yes, it's that time of year for the **Lady Brooks Kindergarten Trivia Night!**

So come and have a fabulous night supporting our biggest fundraiser of the year.

All money raised will benefit our wonderful kindergarten.

When: Saturday June 20th 7 pm for a 7.30 start

Where: Kyneton Masonic hall, Yaldwyn Street, Kyneton

Cost: Only \$10 per person, 8-12 people per table. Table bookings are encouraged but not essential. Limited seats available so book early.

Contact: Tracey on 5422 7089

BYO food and drinks and bring lots of loose change for fun games, silent auctions, lucky door prizes and much, much more!

MYS. LYS. RUN BY MACEDON RANGES YOUTH SERVICES.

MALMSBURY YOUTH SPACE.

Every Wednesday in May and June. Malmsbury Town Hall – 4pm – 6pm.

KYNETON YOUTH SPACE

Every Thursday in May and June 4pm – 6pm. Behind Kyneton Town Hall.

- Wii - Play Station - Light painting - Music nights.

For more information contact Richard – 0437244177 or Jessie – 0437771019.

WORKSHOPS.

4th July Glass and Metal Jewellery workshops. 10am – 4pm.

'Made in Malmsbury' 69 Mollison Street, Malmsbury.

This workshop is run by Macedon Ranges Youth Services. There is no charge apart from a small amount for materials. \$10 per participant.



Rotary Youth Exchange

Would you like to live and study overseas for a year ?

The Rotary Club of Kyneton seeks applications from secondary students for the Rotary Youth Exchange Programme. Youth exchange provides an opportunity to experience the culture of another country, attending school and living with host families associated with a local Rotary Club.

Students must be at least 15 and not have turned 18 before January 2009 and not have completed VCE. We seek applications from dynamic, confident, motivated students who are able to adapt to changing situations. To apply contact Graham Scarlett on 54 232 138 (ah) or 0419 884 630. Applications close Friday 6 June.

Further information on www.rotaryd9800.org/youthexchange

KYNETON DISTRICT JUNIOR FOOTBALL LEAGUE

MUSIC TRIVIA NIGHT AND SILENT AUCTION

DATE: Saturday 6th June 2009

VENUE: Kyneton Bowling Club

TIME: 7:30pm

COST: \$15 per head (includes finger food) Drinks at bar prices

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL – Tables of 8 to 10

Phone : Andrew Murphy 0418226535 OR contact your Club

DON'T MISS ALL THE FUN Fantastic prizes to be won

ART RELAXATION AND MEDITATION.

We begin our creative time with a Guided Meditation. This focuses our intention on what we are about to do and also creates a distinction between where we were before we began to make our art and where we are during the process. This step triggers the mind and body to begin to relax and enter into that space inside us where we draw creation from. **Meditation** is the process of calming the mind and making still the body to create a feeling of inner peace and well being. Too often in our increasingly hectic daily lives, we don't take the time to slow down and simply "be". When practiced regularly, meditation can help to lower stress and blood pressure and enhance our state of awareness. Contact Robyn Blanch, Art Relaxation & Meditation, 26 Piper Street, Kyneton. Phone 5422 3910 or 0402 643 555.

FREE FUN WITH CHILDREN'S AUTHORS.

Lee Fox, creator of children's book characters Ella Kazoo and Jasper McFlea, is one of two authors presenting free literary events for the younger set during the **Woodend Winter Arts Festival**.

Both sessions will be held at Woodend Library on Saturday, June 6 from 10.30am. Bookings are not required but it is advisable to arrive early to secure a spot.

Lee Fox's interactive session is suitable for children aged five years and above. It promises loads of fun and equal helpings of naughtiness and redemption.

Young adolescents (over 11 years) are invited to hear Simmone Howell, author of *Notes from the Teenage Underground* and *Everything Beautiful*, read from her books and talk about writing.

This year's arts festival from June 5-8 will truly be a feast of world class music and literature for all the family.

A highlight for children will be the *Tubby the Tuba* concert with *Playschool's* Alex Papps and the Scotch College Orchestra on Saturday, June 6 at 2.30pm. Tickets are \$10 and include a bus trip to and from Braemar College. There will be no parking at the venue.

For Tubby the Tuba and other festival event bookings and details visit www.woodendwinterartsfestival.org.au or ring 0447 570 327 during normal business hours.