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## *Kyneton Secondary College*

Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> February, 2009.

NEWSLETTER

No. 2

*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,**

#### **Bushfire Bus Plan**

In the event of a major fire within (or nearby to) our Shire boundaries that threatens public safety, the emergency services may close roads or areas, thereby preventing students and buses from travelling and altering usual collection arrangements for parents and carers. The school will be kept informed via contact with the local CFA and Police. Principals are expected to ensure that students and buses remain where they are until confirmation is obtained from the Emergency and Security Management Branch's 24 hour communications centre that it is safe to travel. The communications centre will verify this information with the police and fire authorities before providing advice to schools.

### **If the School is notified of a fire that provides a direct or indirect threat to the Health and Safety of the school inhabitants the following procedures will apply:**

- i. Message received may be from Fire / Police / Media / Other source
- ii. Identify affected routes on school bus map.
- iii. Principal/AP/Bus Coordinator to contact Dysons (formerly KBL) / Organs
- iv. Identify Holding Area / Pick Up Point(s) which may be at the school or along the route.
- v. Check bus lists and attendance rolls
- vi. Clear information to staff and students from Principal/AP about what is happening and why
- vii. Notify Police / CFA of buses affected and Holding Area
- viii. Communicate with parents / Next of Kin / neighbour notifying arrangements for the release or retention of students at school or at Holding Area(s) and Pick Up Point and timings. Holding areas/pick up points will vary depending upon the route(s) affected.

**In the event of an emergency it is vital we have accurate and up to date information regarding contact details. Please update these if you have not already done so.**

#### **Bushfire Appeal**

We have all been moved by the tragic events surrounding the recent bushfires. On behalf of the school community I would like to express my condolences to those who have lost friends and/or family. As a school community we will be organising fund-raising events to assist families who have lost property in the fires. The first of these events is an Out-of Uniform Day for all students on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February. This is a state-wide event organised by the Education Department that we are supporting. I will be having a conversation with our Student Leadership Group about other ways we can be of assistance. A number of our students are in the CFA and have been fighting the fires. Numerous families within our school community have been impacted either directly or indirectly.

### Newsletter via Email

Thank you to the parents who have indicated they would like to receive the Newsletter via email in future. We have attached the request form again this week. There are obvious advantages in receiving the Newsletter via email in terms of the speed, convenience and saving on paper (working towards a sustainable environment is part of our vision statement). It may also improve the reliability factor too!

### School Photographs

Reminder that all students are to be in full school uniform on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February for School Photos. See separate note.

### Year 7 BBQ Evening

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February is our annual Year 7 BBQ. This is an important event in our calendar as it the first opportunity for parents/guardians and teachers to meet to discuss your child in a friendly atmosphere. All meat, bread, salads, tea, coffee and cordial is provided. We are very grateful to Fr Ray Saggars' Christian Support Group for providing the food, drinks and catering on the evening. We strongly encourage you, if you aren't able to make it, to keep in touch with your child's teachers.

### Student Counsellor.

Unfortunately Mellissa Laragy-Walker, our student counsellor has sustained an injury and is unlikely to be able to return to work this term.

We have been fortunate in obtaining a replacement who will be available to students Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

Please make Jane Kelly welcome and students can see her in her office next to the Instrumental Music Room.

### School Council Elections

#### **Schedule 4 - Notice of Election and Call for Nominations**

An election is to be conducted for members of the School Council of Kyneton Secondary College.

Nomination forms may be obtained from the school and must be lodged by 4 pm on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2009.

The ballot will close at 4 pm on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2009.

Following the closing of nominations a list of the nominations received will be posted at the school. The terms of office, membership categories and number of positions in each membership category open for election are as follows –

<b>Membership category</b>	<b>Term of office</b>	<b>Number of positions</b>
Parent member	From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 2009 to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in 2011	3
DEECD employee member	From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 2009 to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in 2011	2

If the number of nominations is less than the number of vacancies, a notice to that effect and calling for further nominations will be posted in a prominent position at the school.

Glenn Davey Principal

## Newsletter

The weekly newsletter is our main method of communicating with you (other than through the student's diary for more personal issues).

This year we would encourage those families with computers at home to receive the newsletter by email. This will be environmentally sustainable (part of our Vision Statement) and ensure you receive the newsletter promptly – no more scrunched up newsletters retrieved from the bottom of school bags! Families unable to access the newsletter via email will receive a hard copy each Thursday as usual. The Newsletter can also be accessed from our website: [www.kynsec.vic.edu.au](http://www.kynsec.vic.edu.au) or posted (unfortunately this must be at your expense – please contact the office to arrange).

Those who elect to receive an electronic version will receive an email each week. We would like to commence this method of distribution on **19<sup>th</sup> February** and ask that interested families notify the school **by Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February**. You can do this by completing the reply slip at the end of the newsletter and returning it to the General Office or emailing the school at: [kyneton.sc@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:kyneton.sc@edumail.vic.gov.au)

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Newsletter by email

I would like to receive the weekly newsletter by email.

My Name: .....

Student's Name: ..... Form: .....

My email address: .....

## Education Maintenance Allowance

The Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) is provided to assist eligible families with the costs associated with the education of their children.

To be eligible for receipt of 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.

Consequently parents/guardians are able to access the EMA if they have a valid Health Care Card or valid Pension Card.

The eligibility criteria must be met as at the first day of Term 1 (**28 January 2009** which is the first day for teaching staff) and Term 3 (**13 July 2009**).

The EMA application must be submitted to the school by **27 February 2009** for the first instalment and **7 August 2009** for the second instalment.

The EMA provides an annual amount of **\$221** for primary students and **\$443** for secondary students and is paid in two instalments. This amount is split evenly between the parents/guardians and the school.

Students turning 16 years in 2009 will be paid on a pro rata basis.

Parents with continuing eligibility, who are paid the first instalment of 2009 through this school will not be required to complete a new application for the second instalment. Parents who transfer children to another school after 27 February 2009 and prior to or on 7 August 2009, must reapply at the new school for the second instalment.

EMA Application Forms are available from the school office.

## Conveyance Allowance

This Allowance is to assist parents with the transportation of students.

For eligibility families need to live more than 4.8 km by the shortest practicable route, from the nearest school attended and must not have access to a free bus service. The Allowance is a "vehicle" base payment. The payment is made to the family operating the vehicle and based on a one way distance travelled for the "furthest student" and an "additional student" payment for each extra student in that vehicle.

This Allowance is paid in two instalments annually.

Parents/caregivers who have applications lodged with us will not need to complete new applications, however, they may be called upon to verify further details. New application forms are available from the College and need to be submitted by the 13<sup>th</sup> February, 2009. If you believe you are eligible or would like further details, please do not hesitate to contact us.

It is important that parents/guardians notify the College within seven (7) days of changes to residential details in relation to this Allowance.

### COMING EVENTS.

	Event	Year
<b>February</b>		
Thursday, 12 <sup>th</sup>	School Council Meeting	
Monday, 16 <sup>th</sup>	<b>SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS</b>	All
	Year 7 BBQ	7
Tuesday, 17 <sup>th</sup>	House Swimming Carnival	All
Thursday, 19 <sup>th</sup>	Senior Cricket	10- 12
Wednesday, 25 <sup>th</sup>	Year 12 Information Evening	12
<b>March</b>		
Tuesday, 3 <sup>rd</sup>	CHSSSA Swimming Carnival	All
Thursday, 5 <sup>th</sup>	Information Evening Year 7, 2010	
Monday, 9 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Labour Day Holiday</b>	All
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup>	<b>School Council Meeting</b>	
Monday, 16 <sup>th</sup>	Year 7 Camps	7
Thursday, 19 <sup>th</sup>	Immunisations Year 7 & 10	7 & 10
Friday, 20 <sup>th</sup>	Northern Zone Swimming Carnival	All
Monday, 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Progress Reports Distributed	All
Tuesday, 31 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Parent Teacher Interviews</b>	
<b>April</b>		
Friday, 3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>End Of Term 1.</b>	

### UNIFORM SHOP APOLOGY.

We would like to extend an apology to all parents and students who have ordered Hoodies, but through no fault of the college they have not yet arrived. Hopefully they will not be much longer.

### Yr 7 BBQ

As mentioned in the last newsletter, the Year 7 BBQ will be held on Monday February 16th at 6pm. Weather permitting, we will hold the BBQ outside the Gallery, our newest part of the 7/8 complex. The BBQ will be a fully catered event. Fr Ray Saggars, and his support group, have once again generously offered to supply food and drinks. We are most grateful for his help and the Yr 7 teachers look forward to meeting as many students and their parents as possible on the night. See you there.

Derek Kirk 7M Homegroup Teacher.

### YEAR 12 INFORMATION EVENING.

Wednesday the 25th of February an important information evening will be held on Wednesday the 25th of February at 7.00pm. This will provide parents with an opportunity to meet teachers and receive important information about the expectations and requirements of this very demanding year. A letter will be sent home detailing the arrangements for this important evening. Please return the reply slip a.s.a.p.

### SCHOOL PHOTOS.

Envelopes for the order of School Photos were distributed to students on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February. The envelope **MUST** be handed to the photographer by each student on photo day (even if not buying photos).

Please include the correct money in the envelope as no change is available on photo day.

All students must be in full uniform. Photos will be taken on Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> February.

For Family Photos there are envelopes available in the General Office.

Any student who has not received an envelope please collect one from the General Office.

## CASUAL DRESS DAY APPEAL FOR THE VICTORIAN BUSHFIRE APPEAL.



In response to the bushfires in Victoria the Department of Education (DEECD) has asked to support parents and students affected by the bushfires. Students will wear casual dress on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February in exchange for a gold coin donation. Although it is a casual dress day students are reminded to wear appropriate footwear.

### FOUND

A mobile phone was left in the Business Managers office last Friday week by somebody filling in an EMA form.

Please come to the General Office to identify it if you think it may be yours.

### SWIMMING SPORTS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Parent volunteers would be greatly appreciated to assist at the swimming sports on Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> February.

## WORK EXPERIENCE DATES FOR 2009. TO ALL STUDENTS IN YEAR 10.

Work Experience is a compulsory component to the Industry and Enterprise program. This means that all students must complete 10 days of work experience.

The first round of students in Year **10A, B & F** will go out on April 28<sup>th</sup> to May 8<sup>th</sup>. This is week 2 and 3 of the second term. This means that these students must arrange their work experience and bring back the forms completed and signed by all parties. This is to be done no later than week 7 (March 16<sup>th</sup>).

The second round of students (**C & D**) will go out on work experience on October 12<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> which is week 2 and 3 of term 4.

I ask for your assistance in this matter to organize your work and fill in the forms and returned by the due date. If you have any concerns please do not hesitate to contact me (Mr Cini) at school.

### Work Experience Dates for 2009.

<b>Term 2</b>	Weeks 2 & 3 - April 28 <sup>th</sup> to May 2 <sup>nd</sup>	May 4 <sup>th</sup> to 8 <sup>th</sup> .
<b>Term 4</b>	Weeks 2 & 3 - October 12 <sup>th</sup> to 16 <sup>th</sup>	October 19 <sup>th</sup> to 23 <sup>rd</sup> .

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### REGIONAL ARTS VICTORIA PRESENTS:

#### Fiona Scott-Norman in *The Needle and The Damage Done*.

The Needle and the Damage Done is a joyous romp through a top ten of the worst records ever released in the history of the world, from someone who's been collecting vinyl since she was old enough to shoplift a Rolf Harris record – Fiona Scott-Norman. Directed by Comedy Inc's Paul McCarthy, Needle is so gloriously wrong, it couldn't be any righter.

Kyneton Town Hall, Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> February, 8.00pm.

#### RAYMOND CROW - *UNUSUALIST*. As seen on *SPICKS AND SPECKS* & *DAVID LETTERMAN* – intricate shadow puppetry, ventriloquism and world class magic. Directed by Doug Tremlett.

A comedy show for the whole family.

Kyneton Town Hall, Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March. Bookings: Phone 1300 888 802.

**THE DRAMA AND ACTING WORKSHOP. – Facilitator Paul Canlan.**

Storytelling, screen acting, voice and body, improvisation, script analysis, character development, stage craft. This course is suitable for anyone who has an interest in acting from beginner to experienced. Suitable for ages 7 years old to adults.

Course Content – Basic understanding of acting and stage craft. An understanding of scene and character. Insight into acting methods and technique. Enhance focus and concentration. Create a desire for further study. Greater confidence in front of an audience.

**Cost: \$16 per session, term payment in advance. Tuesday evenings at Red Brick Hall, Kyneton.**

**Enquiries Phone: 0433 127 537 Bookings Phone 1300 888 802.**

Supported by the Cultural Development Unit of the Macedon Ranges Shire Council.

**SACRED HEART SENSATIONS TRIVA NIGHT.**

**When: Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February, 2009. Time: 7.30pm for an 8.00pm start.**

**Where: Multi Purpose Room at SHC. Cost: \$10.00 per person.**

**BYO Alcohol. Some nibbles will be provided.**

**Multiple games and raffles will be run on the night. If you would like to contribute to the prize pool, please let Lauren know when you RSVP by the 16<sup>th</sup> February on 5421 1200 at SHC.**

**Please join us in making a contribution towards beating Cancer.**

**SUPPORT YOUR CFA.**

**Donate your unwanted goods to KAY'S OP SHOP 57 Mollison Street. All profits will go to your local CFA. Kyneton, Malmsbury, Taradale, etc. We are looking for donations of: Good's. clothing, Bric-a-Brac, toys, furniture etc. For all donations and pick up's please call Kay on 54222263 or 0421248744. Thank you for your support.**

**STUDENT EXCHANGE AUSTRALIA.**

**Bring Home a Brother or a Sister.**

In July 2009, students, aged 15 – 18 years from over 15 countries will be arriving in Australia to study at local schools for 5 or 10 months. Opportunities exist to act as a host family in a volunteer/unpaid capacity. Hosting can be on a temporary, short or long term basis.

Host families help provide our students with the chance to study and experience life in Australia. This is a great way to learn about another country and culture, establish a lifelong link to a family in another country and contribute to international goodwill. If your family can offer a friendly, supportive and caring home environment, contact us today.

To learn more about this opportunity call Student Exchange Australia on 1300 135 331 or visit our website:

[www.studentexchange.org.au](http://www.studentexchange.org.au).

**KYNETON HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY INC. AUTUMN FLOWER SHOW.**

**Watts Pavilion at Showgrounds, Mollison Street, Kyneton.**

**Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2009. Open from 1pm to 5 pm. – Official Opening at 3 pm. Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2009 open from 10 am to 4.30 pm. Admission: \$4.00 or by Members or Show Ticket. Afternoon Tea, Produce Stall. For more information contact Mr H Fraser – 5422 1943 or Mr G Thomas – 5422 7130.**