



# 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,**

### Clear Rules

We are placing emphasis on the importance of consistency in applying our School Rules at present. Our focus has been on uniform, attendance and behaviour more generally. It is of concern that senior students in particular are not modelling appropriate behaviour by being in full school uniform (including black leather shoes). School rules should not be an issue of conflict between teachers and students. There are very good reasons for all school rules that relate to safety, consistency, fairness and orderly behaviour. I ask for your support in ensuring that we demonstrate a united front in insisting that students abide by all school rules.

### Information Evenings

Last night we had a very successful VTAC Information night. If you or your year 12 son/daughter were not able to attend please contact our Careers Advisor, Chris Bromley, and make an appointment to discuss your child's options post-school. As Chris observed last night, completing year 12 is not enough. Students really need some form of post-school qualification these days.

Our Information Evenings for students moving from year 9 to 10 and 10 to 11 in 2010 will be held on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> August at 7pm.

Glenn Davey - Principal

### COMING EVENTS.

|                                     | EVENT   | YEARS                       |
|-------------------------------------|---|-----------------------------|
| <b>AUGUST</b>                       |   |                             |
| Tuesday August 4 <sup>th</sup>      | Deb Practice  | Yr 11                       |
| Thursday August 6 <sup>th</sup>     | HOWRU Survey  | 7A, 9L, 11E                 |
| Tuesday August 11 <sup>th</sup>     | LOCKDOWN PRACTICE   | All                         |
|                                     | Deb Practice  | Yr 11                       |
| Wednesday August 12 <sup>th</sup>   | Information Evenings  | Year 9 – 10<br>Year 10 - 11 |
| Thursday August 13 <sup>th</sup>    | Year 10 – 12 Course Counselling Starts                      | Yr 10, 11, 12               |
| <b>SCHOOL COUNCIL</b>               |   |                             |
| Friday August 21 <sup>st</sup>      | Course Selection Forms Due Yr 10 - 12                       | Yr 10 - 12                  |
| Monday August 24 <sup>th</sup>      | Year 8 – 9 Course Selection Week                            | Yr 8 - 9                    |
| Tuesday August 25 <sup>th</sup>     | Deb Practice  | Yr 11                       |
| <b>SEPTEMBER</b>                    |   |                             |
| Wednesday September 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Progress Reports sent home<br>Year 9 – Battle for Australia | All<br>Yr 9                 |

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|---|---|------|
| Monday September 7 <sup>th</sup>                        | Year 7 – 8 Course Selection Week          | Yr 7 |
| Thursday September 10 <sup>th</sup>                     | <b>PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS</b>          | All  |
| Tuesday September 15 <sup>th</sup>                      | Whole School Assembly                     | All  |
| Wednesday September 16 <sup>th</sup> – 18 <sup>th</sup> | Year 8 Camp                               | Yr 8 |
| Thursday September 17 <sup>th</sup>                     | <b>SCHOOL COUNCIL</b>                     |      |
| <b>Friday September 18<sup>th</sup></b>                 | <b>Last Day of Term 3 – 2.30pm Finish</b> |      |

### **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 **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.

### **ENROL TO VOTE WEEK 2009**

A special message for our students who are who have turned 17 this year. Next week is Enrol to vote Week!! This initiative has been organised by the Australian Electoral Commission. Kyneton Secondary College has registered to assist our students in undertaking this important step forward in our democratic society. At next week's Year 11 and 12 assemblies, students will be given the opportunity to enrol to vote. Teachers will be on hand to assist in the process and authenticate their documents. It's important that students bring with them to these assemblies one piece of ID. Proof of identity documents are as follows:-

1. Drivers Licence or Learners Permit (preferred); or
2. One original identification document that can be shown and verified by a teacher (such as a Proof of Age card, Australian birth certificate (or extract) issued at least 5 years ago, concession card (must be current), Medicare card, passport (must be current and Australian), employee identification card (current with photo and signature); or
3. If you don't have any of the above, please speak to Mr. Sheahan who will be able to assist.

Eighteen year olds are under-represented on the electoral roll compared with other electors and most 17 year olds are unaware that they can enrol now so they're ready to vote in elections when they turn 18. It's important that our young people have a say in the running of our country so get involved and get registered!

**REMINDER TO ALL PARENTS/GUARDIANS OF YEAR 10 STUDENTS.  
COURSE COUNSELLING EVENING INTO VCE.**

Date: Wednesday evening 12<sup>th</sup> August

Time: 7.00 – 8.30pm

Where: School Hall

Program: Brief explanation followed by opportunities to discuss your student's choices with members of staff.

Coffee and Tea will be available.

Georgina Hasell – Senior School Coordinator.

**YEAR 10 INTO VCE TRANSITION INFORMATION EVENING.  
Wednesday Evening 12<sup>th</sup> August 7.00 pm School Hall.**

On the evening of Wednesday the 12<sup>th</sup> of August all parents and guardians of students in Year 10 are cordially invited to attend an information evening explaining the process that students will be undertaking in their step up into VCE. After a short presentation followed by questions and answers, parents and students will be able to discuss their various subject choices and options with members of staff from different subject areas. Mr Chris Bromley, our Careers Counsellor and Ms Cate Burton, Assistant Principal, have both been guiding students over many years regarding course selection will also be available. I am confident that this will be a very informative and valuable evening for you and your students as they move into their VCE/VCAL years .

The Senior Course Handbook will also be handed out on the evening. If you are unable to attend please collect a Handbook from the Senior School Office.

Look forward to seeing you there.

Georgina Hasell – Senior School Manager.

**COMPLIMENTARY FAMILY PASSES TO VCE SUCCESS SPECIAL EVENT.**

Limited seats available to a seminar on VCE Success Strategies

This 90-minute seminar will be held in your local area

[www.VCESuccess.com.au/free](http://www.VCESuccess.com.au/free) Or call (03) 9531 0531

**GARDENING GROUP.**

This term the Gardening group will be working on the following days:

|                   |                         |                          |                            |                             |
|-------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>Tuesday:</b>   | 4 <sup>th</sup> August, | 18 <sup>th</sup> August, | 1 <sup>st</sup> September, | 15 <sup>th</sup> September. |
| <b>Wednesday:</b> | 5 <sup>th</sup> August, | 19 <sup>th</sup> August, | 2 <sup>nd</sup> September, | 16 <sup>th</sup> September. |

**WORKING BEES.**

The dates for the Working Bees this term are: Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> August  
Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> August.

More information will be provided closer to the dates.

**UNIFORM SALE ITEMS [Until sold out]**

For Year 9 – 11 students only.

- Boys Blue DS Pants – sizes 24-26” & 38” - \$26.00
- White Polo Shirts - sizes 8-12 & 22-28 - \$20.00

## UNIFORM SHOP HOURS.

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

## LAUNDRY ROSTER.

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> July: Jane Dawson

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

## INFORMATION LITERACY.

### PRACTICAL TIPS FOR DEALING WITH AN ONLINE BULLY.

- Tell the bully in simple terms to leave you alone.
- Tell them not to contact you again.
- Log off immediately and stay offline for at least 24 hours
- Do not reply to any future mail from the bully. Do not reply to taunts, emails or gossip written about you.
- By ignoring taunts, you take the power away from the harasser and refuse to play their game. You are now in charge.
- Never give your password or logon details to anyone, even your best friends. It's really easy for someone to log on to your Facebook, Bebo or MySpace site and post any kind of rubbish if they know your password.
- Stay out of chat rooms where you don't feel comfortable.
- Keep all harassing emails or text messages (and any replies you've made) as evidence.
- If you feel you are in physical danger or if the bully has made physical threats against you, tell your parents (or another trusted adult such as a teacher) immediately and they can decide if it is appropriate to contact the police.



Margaret Quill Teacher Librarian.

## EQUESTRIAN NEWS

During the school holidays, two members of our equestrian team-Skye Kennedy and Rochelle Hansen- competed at the Werribee Interschool competition. 600 horses and riders represented their schools. Our girls looked very smart wearing our new jumpers and saddle blanket logos and the brow bands that they made at school. In games, Skye placed 7th and Rochelle 8th. With nearly 40 competitors in dressage, they did very well with their best result being- Skye-5th in novice dressage and Rochelle - 14th in preliminary dressage.

Skye had an outstanding performance in showman; placing 4th and progressing to the next level of competition. She will represent the school again in the next holidays at the National competition. Well done Skye, and good luck.

At the end of the holidays, they competed again at our local pony club and placed as follows: Skye- Grade 3 dressage : 1st ; grade 2 dressage: 2<sup>nd</sup> Rochelle-Grade 3 dressage 2nd; grade 4 combined training(dressage and show jumping) 2nd.



## **TAX FILE NUMBERS.**

During the week **3<sup>rd</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> August** students in **Year 9** will have the opportunity to apply for a Tax File Number through the school. This means that the student does not need to attend the Tax Office with original documents or send these to the Tax Office. This is a voluntary program and is being offered to make it easier to obtain a Tax File Number. Students will be bringing home a letter explaining the process and what is required. There will also be a permission form attached.

Please read this carefully and provide the necessary information by the due date in order to participate in this program.

Students in **Years 10, 11 and 12** who have missed this service in past years and wish to obtain a Tax File Number through the school must get a letter and permission form from the General Office. (These will be available from Monday 10<sup>th</sup> August).

Please note, students will not be able to access this service through the school at any other time of the year. The next opportunity will be in 2010.

## **COMMUNITY NEWS**

### **TRIVIA**

#### **Stop Press!**

Yes, the Lady Brooks Kindergarten Trivia Night has been rescheduled and is now on Saturday August 1st.

So you haven't missed out! - come and have a fabulous night supporting our biggest fundraiser of the year. All money raised will benefit our wonderful kindergarten.

When: Saturday August 1st, 7 pm for a 7.30 start

Where: Kyneton Masonic hall, Yaldwyn Street, Kyneton

Cost: Only \$10 per person, 8-12 people per table

Limited seats available so book by Wed July 29

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!

### **TRENTHAM'S GOT T★ALENT**

#### **Calling all performers!!!**

Musicians, Jugglers, Gum Leaf Whistlers, Magicians, Poets, Contortionists, Comedians, Yodellers.

Prizes Galore!!!

7.30pm Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> August. Doors open 7pm. St Mary Magdalen's Hall, Bridge Street, Trentham. Gold Coin Donation.

Register your act **NOW!!!**

Limited spaces available. Phone 5424 8480. 5424 1788. 0407 280 272. \$5.00 Registration Fee.

BYO Drinks and snacks. Mulled Wine and Cheese Platters available.

Brought to you by St Mary Magdalen's Guild.

### **Kyneton Police Station Tours.**

Bronwyn Wilson (Exhibition Curator & Museum Supervisor, *Kyneton Museum*), at last night's AGM of the *Friends of Kyneton Museum*, mentioned there would be tours of *Kyneton Police Station* organized in conjunction with Kyneton Police, in view of the present *Kyneton Museum Ned Kelly: Fact & Fiction Exhibition*, the National Museum of Australia travelling exhibition. Ned Kelly was imprisoned at the Kyneton Police Station at one stage in his youth. The tours are on *Friday, 31st July commencing each hour from 9.30am, concluding with the 12.30pm tour*. Each tour will include a 'cuppa' at the *Kyneton Museum*. For bookings t/ph 5422 1228 or 1300 88 88 02. Numbers are strictly limited so there is a need for booking early.

It is an excellent opportunity to see the old bluestone lock-up and the police complex before it closes to make way for the new *Kyneton Police* building and re-development of the Hutton Street precinct.

*Inquiries: Bronwyn Wilson M 0409 379 760.*

**MACEDON RANGES SHIRE YOUTH SERVICES AND MACEDON RANGES HEALTH SERVICES  
GISBORNE YOUTH SPACE UP AND COMING EVENTS.**

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> August 4.30 – 6.30pm Band Night

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> August 4.30 – 6.30pm Acoustic Music

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> September 4.30 – 6.30pm Wii Guitar Hero and Drums.

At Manaaki, 35 Aitken Street, Gisborne.

**Chelleon For Hair Deb Specials - Pre Deb Specials**

\* cut & full head foils \$ 95      \* cut & half head foils \$ 75      Deb trial \$ 45

Waxing and Natural Tan      Full body \$ 35      Half body \$ 25      10% off all waxing

On The Day      Deb Hair Up From \$ 55

\* Conditions apply

Come see Kirsty & Kristen and book your appointment today!      Chelleon For Hair 54273246      Woodend

**BAND NIGHT**

Gisborne Youth Space “Maanaki”, 12 Aitken Street.

**BAND NIGHT Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> August 4.30 – 6.30pm. Free Entry. This is a drug, alcohol and smoke free event.**



**Sip Soup & Shop**

**Market/Fete Woodend Scout Group Jamboree Fundraiser**

**Sunday 16 August 2009      10.00am – 3.30pm**

**Spring shopping & Fathers day gifts. Door prizes galore, games, raffles and yummy food**

**Things for dad, mum and kids, spiritual readings, belly dancing, wine tasting, sports massage**

Need more info call Cris on 0407 333 430

Postie, UCW, Intimo, FM Fragrances, Shallon

Cut4You Quilts, LR Health & Beauty,

Kidz, Enjo, Grace jewellery & Beauty, Learning Ladder, Green Bean Coffee, Cup Cakes Home Made Soups &

Scones

Held at Woodend Scout Hall – Forest St, Woodend.



Wines, SuSu Belly Dance, Something Naughty,  
LorraineLeaLinen, Body Shop, EduFun, Designer

**Are you under 12, under 14 or under 16 as at the 1<sup>st</sup> of September?**

The **Woodend Cricket club** is recruiting players in the above age groups beginning with our membership day on the 9<sup>th</sup> August from 10am at the Woodend Stadium (Buffalo). Membership fees are the same as last year; \$85 for a full season and coaching.

All new players receive a playing shirt and if fully paid by the 31<sup>st</sup> October, a free social shirt will also be given to new players.

Membership forms can be downloaded from the <http://woodendcc.cricketvictoria.com.au> , and posted to Woodend CC, PO Box 326, Woodend, 3442.

Forms can also be collected from Warner’s Jewellers High St Woodend

In order to finalise teams, players need to be registered with the WCC by the 18th September.