



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,

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Progress Reports & Parent-Teacher Interviews

All students will receive their Progress Report next week. Ideally we will be able to use the Progress Reports as a discussion point at Parent-Teacher Interviews (10th September).

We will be conducting the interviews as in previous years i.e. Commencing at 12pm and concluding at 8pm. There will be a break for a meal from **5.30 to 6.30pm**.

Concerns re. Attendance

The Progress Reports are likely to indicate that quite a few students are at risk of not being promoted because they do not meet the 80% attendance requirement. Student attendance is critical. It seems obvious to state that students can't learn, and teachers can't teach them, if they are not at school. To quote Richard Elmore (Educationalist) – "You learn to do the work by doing the work". Promotion is a school decision that is made in consultation with parents and the individual student. If students are not able to demonstrate that they have satisfied the requirements of a number of classes then they are unlikely to be promoted.

Parent Opinion Survey Out Now

Parent Opinion Surveys have been distributed to randomly selected families in the past week.

It is very important that these surveys are completed this year as we are very keen to learn whether parents believe our recent efforts to improve the school are having some impact.

I believe the improvements we have seen can be attributed to a number of factors. The development, after much detailed consultation, of a clear Vision and Statement of Values (see above); the development of a clear Strategic Plan that sets the goals and priorities for the college; development of the Kyneton Education Plan (see progress below) which has a major focus on improved Teaching & Learning practices with coaches, team-teaching and greater use of ICT (especially computers) to build student engagement; a strong focus on professional development of staff who are working in Performance and Development Teams to achieve clear goals that are linked to the school Strategic Plan. We have recently interviewed applicants for the role of Principal Consultant for the Kyneton Education Plan. We are very optimistic that within a few years the Kyneton Education Plan will deliver a major regeneration of facilities for the various stakeholders – particularly the Lady Brooks kindergarten, Kyneton Primary School and Kyneton Secondary College. We have been working with the shire and other key community groups over the last three years to make this a reality.

Opinion surveys should be returned via your son/daughter to the General Office by **Monday 8th September**. **Thank you to the parents who have returned them already.**

Reminders

Year 8 Camp

Just a reminder that the year 8 Camp is coming up at the end of Term 3. We would like all students to participate in this tremendous relationship-building and fun camp.

The Finance Office is happy to take payment in instalments.

Course Selection

We have begun the process of course selection for 2010. It is very important that all students complete a Course Selection Sheet and submit it to the relevant Senior or Middle Years Coordinator so that their preferences can be taken into consideration

Working Bees

Our next Working Bees for this Term will be held on **Saturday 12th September** commencing at 9am till 12.30pm. We could certainly use some assistance as we prepare for spring and summer after a (reasonably by recent standards) damp winter.

Morning tea provided.

Glenn Davey

Principal

COMING EVENTS.

	EVENT	YEARS
SEPTEMBER		
Thursday September 10 th	PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS	All
Wednesday September 16 th – 18 th	Year 8 Camp	Yr 8
Thursday September 17 th	SCHOOL COUNCIL	
Friday September 18th	Last Day of Term 3 – 2.30pm Finish	

WORKING BEES.

The next Working Bee will be on 12th September at 9.00 am.

Parents able to assist can meet at the Canteen area or contact Cate Burton at the school for more information.

GARDENING GROUP.

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

Tuesday: 15th September.

Wednesday: 16th September.

UNIFORM SALE – Yrs 9 – 12.

We still have in stock a small quantity of the old uniform. To move all the year levels into our new uniform we are having a sale.

White Polos - \$19 sizes 8 – 12, 22 – 28

Navy DS Pants - \$23 sizes 24” – 28”, 38”

½ Price Navy Zip Trousers - \$20 64cm – 92cm (Ideal for work wear).

UNIFORM SHOP HOURS.

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

LAUNDRY ROSTER.

Friday 4th September: Melissa Orr

(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 has initiated support for the school. They are volunteering to undertake support cleaning and will be tackling particular tasks. Please see Cheryl Wheeldon **Wednesday, 16th September** in Room 34/35 at 3.30pm. to collect equipment and find out locations. Any assistance, whether on a regular or occasional basis, will be greatly appreciated. For more information contact Cate Burton or Fiona Rankin on 5421 1100.

Thank you

Cheryl Wheeldon

BASKETBALL RESULTS FROM LAST WEEK.

Year 8 Boys					
<i>Kyneton</i>	2 Wins	0 Losses	46	33	117.9%
Castlemaine	1 Win	1 Loss	18	23	39%
Maryborough	0 Wins	2 Losses	10	16	34.16%
Year 8 Girls					
<i>Castlemaine</i>	2 Wins	0 Losses	18	46	142.22%
Maryborough	1 Win	1 Loss	6	25	39.47%
Kyneton	0 Wins	2 Losses	6	8	14.73%
Year 7 Boys					
<i>Kyneton</i>	2 Wins	0 Losses	17	35	88.87%
Maryborough	0 Wins	2 Losses	16	16	39.02%
Castlemaine	1 Win	1 Loss	12	18	35.71%
Year 7 Girls					
<i>Maryborough</i>	2 Wins	0 Losses	27	23	73.52%
Castlemaine	1 Win	1 Loss	20	26	63.88%
Kyneton	0 Wins	2 Losses	12	10	22.91%

CHSSSA CRICKET.

On Tuesday this week fifteen of our Year 7 boys headed to Maryborough for CHSSSA Cricket. We had a great day out and the boys represented the school very well. Unfortunately we lost our first game quite convincingly but a much better batting effort saw us lose the second match by only one run. Best players on the day were Josh Walsh 7H (Captain), Bryce Hinneberg 7C and Jake Clapham 7H.

Mr Bruton.

COMMUNITY NEWS



TEENAGE PARTIES

How to host a party safely at your home for teenagers

We are inviting all parents and teenagers who are going to or thinking about having a teenage party.

You will find out...

- 8th September at Kyneton at 6.30 – 8.30 PM 47 High Street Kyneton (Cobaw)
- 15th September at Romsey at 6.30 – 8.30 PM 96 Main Road Romsey (Romsey Hub)

Free and informative with nibbles provided with Leonie and Jess... Youth Alcohol and other Drugs outreach counsellors at Cobaw Community Health
RSVP Cobaw 54211666



The Macedon Ranges most popular Fun Run

with both 5 and 10km distances to choose.

Great for all walkers, joggers and more serious runners!

Come and enjoy the scenery with all proceeds going to the Kyneton District Health Service.

SUNDAY 13th SEPTEMBER Registration from 8.00am Fun Run Start at 9.00am

Details

P. 03 5422 1922

E. eclipse.fitness@optusnet.com.au

<http://www.kynetondaffodilarts.org.au>

<http://www.kynetonhealth.org.au>

5km course

10km course

Showbags and goodies for all, with great prizes for the place getters.

Entry Forms

Available at Eclipse Family Fitness

22 – 24 Jennings Street Kyneton Vic 3444

Entries due by Friday 4th September

Late entries will be taken up to and on the day of event

Entry Fee

Individual - \$25

Family (2 adults and 2 children) - \$40

Late Entries (on the day)

Individual - \$30

Family (2 adults and 2 children) - \$45

Categories

1st 2nd and 3rd in each of the following categories

• Junior (Under 18)

• Open (18 – 39)

• Masters (40+)

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MACEDON RANGES BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION invites players to register for the Summer Season starting 12th October.

Junior Boys & Girls as well as Open Men & Women.

Due to limited court availability, places will be restricted, please register early.

REGISTRATION TIMES at Buffalo Stadium.

Sunday 13th Sept (G/Final Day) 11.00 – 6.00pm or

Monday 5th October 6.00 – 7.00pm For further information _Email: Deb Stidwell stidwell@bigpond.com.au

Ph: 54273783



SCHOOL HOLIDAY AVIATION CAMP

21st – 25th of September 2009

Bendigo Aviation Services is pleased to offer our annual school holiday aviation camp. This camp is designed for both female and male students aged 12 and up, who have never completed any flying training before and is intended as an introduction to the aviation industry. We are also offering this camp to students that have completed flying training, with us or other schools previously.

During the week we are offering a variety of activities including talks with aviation professionals, tours of different aircraft facilities, ground theory lectures and 5 hours of flying lessons, where you will be in control and learn how to fly the aircraft.

The cost of the camp is \$1,000. Included in this cost is lunch everyday, all theory costs and flying costs (a special camp rate for 5hrs of flying).

Additional lessons are available at the normal rate of \$235 hr.

Bendigo Aviation Services is a professional aviation business that operates a wide range of aircraft from single engine through to twin engine aircraft. This is an exciting opportunity for students to see how an aviation business operates, and to learn what options are available to those who are considering a career in aviation.

Bendigo airfield is located off Victa Rd, about 3km from the Bendigo CBD.

If you require more information on the aviation camp please contact us (03) 5443 1030.

Or email: heather@bendigoaviation.com.au

READY TO RELAY 2010

The Lancefield - Macedon Ranges Relay for Life will be held 27th - 28th February 2010. To help introduce our NEW website we will be holding

Ready To Relay 2010, an information session for anyone interested in entering a team or learning more about the Relay for Life and the fantastic work being done by The Cancer Council of Victoria.

Ready to Relay 2010
Tuesday 22nd September
7:30pm @ the Romsey Hub, Main St, Romsey
RSVP louise_mccar@hotmail.com
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