



# *Kyneton Secondary College*

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**Newsletter**

No. 4

*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,**

### **School Council Elections**

It is very pleasing to have four candidates prepared to nominate, thereby requiring an election for the three Parent vacancies on School Council.

Ballot Papers, together with instructions, information about the candidates and return envelopes, are being posted out today (Thursday).

Below please find statements from each of the nominees for Parent Representative on School Council.

### **Statement of Terry McNamara**

I am a Romsey resident, and parent of 3 children, 2 of whom have graduated from KSC with the youngest currently in year 11. I served for 11 years on council at Romsey Primary School and have now completed 5 years service here at KSC, 4 as President. I am an energetic and enthusiastic campaigner for public education, and have actively sought and contributed to many improvements at both schools. For the last few years I have been actively involved in the Kyneton Education Plan committees. I am seeking re-election for what will be my final 2 years as a parent councillor, during which time I am confident that the KEP project will bear fruit in the form of significant infrastructure for education provision in Kyneton and district.

### **Statement of Michael Talbot**

I am standing for a position on school council as a parent representative and believe I will make a worthwhile contribution to the school community. For many years I have worked within the State Government, and I am well aware of the key drivers and required outputs on which governments focus. My aim is to work towards ensuring all students receive the best possible education in the best conditions and surroundings the school is able to provide, and that the education environment remains accountable to achieve that aim. Having a policing background ensures I can provide meaningful input into school security and student safety issues. It will be my charter to serve the interests of all students, parents and teachers. Personally, I have an interest in woodworking and have spent a lot of time over the years as a member of a woodworking club making toys for under privileged children.

### **Statement of Jo Ferguson**

Hello, my name is Jo Ferguson and I have a daughter who has just started high school. Most of my work history involves teaching and so I have always been involved in schools in one way or another. Recently I completed a social work degree and this has provided ample opportunities to work with a diverse group of people in various circumstances. Over the years I have been able to be a member of many committees in schools, some of which include fund-raising, behaviour management, camp and curriculum. Here in Kyneton we are entering a very exciting period of change in regards to education.

I would like an opportunity to be part of the team that represents all members of the school and the broader community to help shape some of these future changes.

### Statement of Huntly Barton

I'm Huntly Barton. I have two children, Mary year 12 and Strath year 9, attending the school. Over the past 4 years I have been on the council in the role of Deputy President. I have been involved on the Building and Grounds sub-committee and attended Finance sub-committee meetings.

I am a firm believer in state education, which, I believe, has been inappropriately treated by Federal Governments over the past 30 years. I'm looking forward to and want to continue to be involved in the new education plans for this area. I own and run a small business in the town of Kyneton and I hope that my skills as an employer are of use to the school council.

### Bushfires

The bushfires continue to have an impact upon our school community, the latest being the Daylesford fires this week. A number of our staff and students have been evacuated from homes in the vicinity of the fires. Please contact the school if there is any way we can support you if your family has been impacted.

Glenn Davey  
Principal

### COMING EVENTS.

	Event	Year
<b>March</b>		
Tuesday, 3 <sup>rd</sup>	CHSSSA Swimming Carnival	All
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Motor Show	
Monday, 9 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Labour Day Holiday</b>	All
Wednesday, 11th	Performing Arts Excursion	Yrs 10 - 12
<b>Thursday 12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>School Council Meeting</b>	
“ “	Year 11 Psych Excursion	Yr 11
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Visit to Rosalie Gascoigne Exhibition	
Monday, 16 <sup>th</sup>	Year 7 Camps (All Week)	7
Thursday, 19 <sup>th</sup>	Immunisations Year 7 & 10	7 & 10
“ “	Cup Cake Competition	
Friday, 20 <sup>th</sup>	Northern Zone Swimming Carnival	All
Monday, 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Progress Reports Distributed	All
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	VCE Food/Hospitality	
Wednesday, 25 <sup>th</sup>	Information Evening Year 7, 2010	
Thursday, 26 <sup>th</sup>	Immunisation Yr 7	Yr 7
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 HOURS.

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

### LAUNDRY ROSTER.

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February – Kathy Lakey

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

### UNIFORM SHOP.

**The Size 16 and 18 Hoodies have finally arrived. Apologies for the late arrival.**

**WORKING BEE, SATURDAY 21<sup>st</sup> FEBRUARY.**

Thank you to the following parents who were able to make the first working bee of the year: Huntly Barton, Glenn Davey, Terry McNamara, Greg Potter, Colin Moore, Alan Todd, Trevor McKinnon, Sharon and Charlie Bird.

On Saturday we were able to tidy up the area at the canteen that had been concreted and paint and install one of the picnic tables.

The mulch bay constructed for our gardening group was also completed.

As with most working bees the painting of the post and rail fencing continued in the amphitheatre.

**The next working bee will be on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March at 9.00am.**

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

Cate Burton – Assistant Principal.

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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: .....  
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**A MESSAGE FROM THE PREMIER OF VICTORIA.**

**“Welcome to the 2009 Victorian Premier's Reading Challenge!**

I am pleased to declare the 2009 Victorian Premier's Reading Challenge open. I invite students from Prep to Year 10 to take part in what promises to be a great event.

Since 2005, the Challenge has helped thousands of students discover the rewards of reading. This year I hope the Challenge will motivate students who have attempted it before and inspire new students to discover the magic of books.

The Challenge will again run over three terms. During this time students who take part will try to read a target number of books. For students in Years 3 to 10 the target is 15 books. Years 3 to 9 students should read at least ten books from the list. Year 10 students should read at least 5 books from the list. More information and advice about the Challenge can be found on the pages of this website.

Last year more than 117,000 students successfully met the Challenge. I look forward to celebrating a record-breaking 2009 and to awarding even more students with certificates later in the year.

In the meantime good luck and keep those pages turning.

**JOHN BRUMBY - Premier of Victoria “**

The website is at <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/prc/>

The Challenge will be introduced to Year 7 students in their Information Literacy classes next week. Students from other year levels may get a consent form from the Library. We will also have the booklist. Ms Quill will be coordinating the Challenge at KSC.

Ms M Harvey, Ms M Quill - KSC Library.

## **THANK YOU TO OUR YEAR 8 COOKING CLASS.**

Mia Mia CFA wish to thank the Year 8 students who so thoughtfully provided delicious cakes and biscuits during the recent fires in our area. We spent a lot of hours out on the fire ground blacking out hot spots and to be able to meet for snacks around the dam and be provided with home- made food prepared by Kyneton students was a luxury indeed.

Blacking out is hot, dirty work and ensures that new fires don't develop from the original devastation. It builds a sense of team ship and community among those that volunteer to participate. We felt that your students were a part of that effort and we hope they continue to support their community. Thank you.

Cathy Snowdon and Anthony Ryan.

P.S. Anthony Ryan is our Captain and would be happy to visit the school to talk about the Brigade, although we realise you do have your own local CFA.

## **VCAL NEWS.**

This year's VCAL is off to a busy but very productive start. Both the year eleven and twelve classes started the year by helping the year seven teams run a tabloid sports afternoon. Despite the heat the session was a success with the year twelve contribution being part of their Personal Development outcomes.

Currently students are working on their resumes with the hope of securing a work placement. Ideally this placement should be on a Tuesday but obviously the employer needs to agree to this. If you know anyone who would be willing to give a student a workplace opportunity please contact the careers co-ordinator Chris Bromley or myself. A work placement can be rewarding for both the student and the employer.

Literacy teachers have also introduced to students a log book for their work placements. This replaces the Work Related Skills unit. The idea being that over the course of their work placement students will complete the booklet. This eliminates a subject at school and allows the student more choice in VET or TAFE subjects in their area of interest. It would be a great help if parents could remind their student to work on this booklet at home so that it does not become too cumbersome at the end of the year.

If you have any concerns or queries regarding VCAL please contact me.

Rebecca Ogle.



### **INTERSCHOOL TENNIS.**

Interschool Tennis training/tryouts will be on Tuesday lunch times for the next 2 weeks. All interested students must meet Ms Nunn at the canteen at 1pm. Students are NOT to go to the tennis courts without supervision.

### **INTERSCHOOL VOLLEYBALL.**

Interschool Volleyball training will be on every Thursday lunch times for the rest of the term. All interested students must meet Ms Nunn at the canteen at 1pm. Students are NOT to go to the KSC without supervision.

### **2009 VSSSA STATE TEAMS**

A reminder that registrations for trials for the following state teams are closing very soon:  
Softball 17 & Under Girls CLOSING 21 FEBRUARY Tennis Under 20 Boys & Girls CLOSING 19 FEBRUARY Baseball 17 & Under Boys CLOSING SOON Volleyball Under 16 Boys & Girls FINAL TRIAL 21 FEBRUARY Students wishing to register for trials should go to the VSSSA website at [www.vsssa.org.au](http://www.vsssa.org.au) and click on Interstate Teams for further details.

### **PARENTS GROUP PAINTING SPREE.**

**THANK YOU**

This is to thank the dedicated parents and children who came to Kyneton Secondary College one day in early January to paint the post-and-rail fences near Rooms 27 and 28, around Rooms 34 and 35 and the Junior Complex. The school community appreciates your efforts to improve the appearance of our school.

Any parents or students interested in continuing this work during the term AFTER SCHOOL is welcome to contact me on 5421 1100 or by email to [bird.sharon.s@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:bird.sharon.s@edumail.vic.gov.au)  
Sharon Bird Parents Group.



## **COMMUNITY NEWS**

### **SHIRE WIDE BUSHFIRE RELIEF CONCERT AND FILM NIGHT.**

All of the community have been touched by the recent and ongoing fires. It has impacted on our volunteers, our CFA, our survivors, our neighbours, our family and our friends.

It's time for our contribution as a community and as a Shire to do our bit.

Attached is a media release for a Shire Wide Bushfire Relief Concert and Film Night to raise the spirits and funds for the Red Cross Appeal.

**Date: Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> of March 2009**

Time: Doors open 4.00pm

Address: Hanging Rock Reserve, South Rock Road, Woodend.

Tickets: Pre-purchase Adults \$15.00 Children U16 \$10.00 Artists who perform \$5.00

On Sale Friday 27<sup>th</sup> of March 2009

Bookings: 1300 88 88 02 or at any customer service centres (Kyneton, Woodend, Romsey and Gisborne)

All proceeds to the Red Cross Bushfire Appeal.

Schedule: Community Concert 4.00pm till approx 7.30pm

Followed by a screening of Australia.

What to bring: favourite deck chairs, blankets, pillow and picnic tea.

If you have any questions regarding the media release or this email then don't hesitate to contact me.

**Terry Moore Cultural Development Officer Cultural Development Unit W: (03) 54 22 0383M: 0439 559 587**

### **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.**

### **HOTPINK DANCE CENTRE.**

DanceSport Australia Accredited. Principal and Proprietor : Margaret-Ann Coleman  
FATD(LA)DSA(LA)

**Monday & Thursday Nights – Sunbury.**

**Kids 5.30 – 6.30 \$12 ... Teens 6.30 – 7.30 \$14. Beginners Latin and Ballroom Dance Classes.**

**Ring for your free tryout today!**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Class ½ price!**

**Phone 9744 6484 or mobile 0410 196 807 [www.hotpinkballroom.com](http://www.hotpinkballroom.com)**

### **ROMSEY JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB.**

The Romsey Junior Football Club will commence training on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 09.

Registrations are still being taken please ring Melinda Skinner 54295893 or come along to training for more information.

Tuesday /Thursday under 10 /Under 16 (starting Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 09 at 5pm)

Wednesday/ Friday under 12 /Under 14 (starting Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March 09 at 5pm)

Under 9 (will start on a Tuesday in a few weeks time).

### **KYNETON DISTRICT FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB.**

**FAMILY FUN DAY. Sponsored by Bluestone Rise. Incorporating Egg Toss.**

**Sunday March 15<sup>th</sup>, 1.00 pm to 5.00 pm @ Kyneton Showgrounds.**

Jumping castle, supa slide, face painting. Kids races and novelty events. BBQ available –

Bar open – no BYO restricted area. Music by Hayden Evans. Have a go at Surf Rider!!!

Family \$25, Adult \$15, Students \$10. [kynetonfnc.com](http://kynetonfnc.com).