

The Harvest

The Newsletter of Kerang Christian College



Integrity, Faith, Family

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Dear Parents and Friends,



WORLD SCOUT DAY

Last week Kerang Scouts celebrated, with many others, World Scout Scarf Day. The idea of "Scout Scarf Day" on August 1 is that all active and former scouts are requested to wear their scout scarfs in public to make the "Spirit of Scouting" visible: Once a Scout - Always a Scout!

The date of the event commemorates the very first Scout Camp on Brownsea Island in 1907. This island is just off the coast of Dorset in England. Of course, the scarf is only a symbol but a strong symbol for the scout promise and for their mission to leave the world in a bit better place than they had found it. The scouting movement's major principle, as identified by the founder, Lord Baden-Powell, are that Scouts serve their God, act in consideration of the needs of others and develop and use their abilities for the betterment of themselves, their families and the community in which they live.

Two of our current students Lucy Pilgrim and Malachi Bradshaw-Tarr, wore their scouting uniforms to the college to commemorate the day and were photographed and interviewed by the local paper. You may have seen them in the paper last week, you can see that they presented me, (representing Kerang Christian College) with the new Scouts Victoria Scarf. The colours of the scarf represent Victoria's official state colours of navy and white.

It was very pleasing for the college to be involved in this event and to participate in Kerang's celebrations of the 110th year anniversary of the scouting movement inception on August 1st 1907.

As a Christian School we also reflect on Jesus mission to reunite humanity with God though his death and resurrection. He truly did leave our world in a better place. We aim to help our students acknowledge God's call on their lives and to live in our world so that it is a better place as people reconnect to their God though Jesus.

May God bless you and your family!

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ENROLMENTS

Prep Transition for 2018

To enrol for Prep, families are encouraged to pick up a copy of an Information Package, which includes an Enrolment Form. Enrolment Forms are also available on the College website. Enrolment places still exist in our Prep program for 2018. Please contact the Office if you wish to find out more information. Prep enrolment interviews will be held during Term 4.

Year 7 Transition for 2018

Enrolment Interviews will be held during Term 3 for Year 7 in 2018. The College will be contacting new families over the coming weeks to organise interviews.

Our transition program into Year 7 involves a number of important events.

Our next event is our Orientation Day on **Thursday, 19th October**. Please contact the College office to find out additional information.

STAR OF THE MONTH - AUGUST



Zane McKerrow



Taylor Dunlevey



Joelle Bangay

Each month one of the Primary School students from each class will be awarded with the Star of the Month. This award is given to students who have worked hard, shown perseverance or demonstrated acts of kindness to their peers. The College would like to recognise the achievements of the Primary School students.

LIONS CLUB PUBLIC SPEAKING

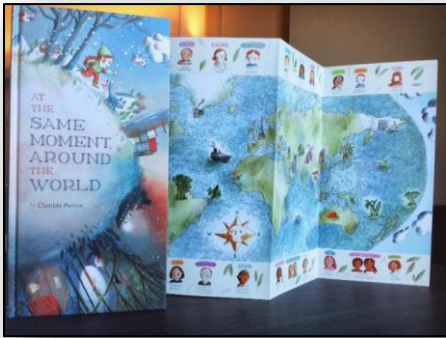
The College would like to congratulate Sarosh Sajeev on placing second at the Lions Club Public Speaking Competition.

Sarosh presented his speech for the Lions Club judges on Sunday, 30th July, at the Lion's Den in Kerang.

His speech received a high commendation from the judges.



ANNOUNCEMENTS



BOOK PARADE

The Primary School Book Parade will be held on **Friday, 25th August 2017**. This year's book is titled, "At the Same Moment, Around the World" by *Clotilde Perrin*.

Students are asked to wear a multicultural costume for this event.

The Parade begins at 11:30am from Kerang Primary School.

DIARY COMPETITION

The preparations for the 2018 School Diary are underway. We are running a competition to design the Front cover. Pictures/artwork are to be submitted in A5 size. Entries for this competition close on Friday, 1st September. Please submit entries to the school office.

PRIMARY ATHLETICS - HELPERS

Primary school athletics will be held on **Friday, 18th August**. Helpers are needed for this event. If you can help can you please see Mrs Pryor or Miss Van Leeuwen or call the office on 5450 3894.

ABSENCES

Parents are reminded to notify the office before 9:30am if their child is absent from school. Parents are required to send a letter or email to the College if students are absent for an extended period of time.

SECONDARY SPORTS UNIFORM

Secondary students are reminded of our Secondary Sports uniform below. All items must be purchased from the school. Students may wear their sports uniform to school on the days they have **Physical Education Classes**.

Students may also wear their sport uniform to school on Thursday for **Sport** and then must change into correct school uniform at recess.

Shorts: Navy (*purchase from school*)

Polo Shirt: Pale blue / navy with school logo (*purchase from school*)

Tracksuit Top: Navy with logo (*purchase from school*)

Tracksuit Pants: Navy with logo (*purchase from school*)

Socks: Short White

Shoes: Cross trainers / sports shoes

VCE SUBJECT SELECTION

Our VCE information evening was held last Wednesday. Just a reminder that subject selection forms are due on **Friday, 11th August**. Please hand forms into the office.



What's happening ?

WELFARE UPDATE – Caz Anderson

One of the most common issues I work on with students is organisation and scheduling. Whether it's our natural personality trait or not, we all know that our world's function much more smoothly when we are organised. Our kids are no different – but most will need a hand developing this habit.

Teenagers, especially, struggle with organisational skills – not because they can't do it, but simply because their brains are in over-drive developing, learning and adjusting to the person they are becoming. As a result, daily tasks – like organisation – take a back seat. So what can you do to help?

1. Help them work through a schedule for their week: grab a blank weekly planner – you can download one here <http://www.calendarpedia.com/weekly-schedule-word-templates.html>

Block in all of the commitments they have outside of school – e.g. work, sport, family time etc.

Then block in time for study/homework – if your student is in more senior grades, blocking in study time for each subject might be the best way to tackle things. Help them identify time in their week when they can have 'down time' – relaxation and time for themselves is critical for a well-balance life.

2. Help them set up and maintain a dedicated study space. Make it a quiet space, well-lit and personalised. Stock it with everything they will need whenever they go to study so there are no procrastination excuses and their allotted time is well spent. E.g. paper, pencils and pens, calculator, ruler etc. Keeping running calendars and assessment schedules in their study space is also a great idea.

NEWSLETTER INSERTS

- Year 10 Excursion
- Swan Hill Art Gallery
- WCSSA Basketball
- Year 9 Romeo & Juliet
- VCE Chemistry Workshop

SCHOOL CALENDAR

August

Fri 11 th	VCE Chemistry Workshop Bendigo
Fri 11 th	Year 10 Maths, Business & Economics Excursion
Wed 15 th	WCSSA Basketball Geelong
Thu 17 th	Prep/1/2 Swan Hill Art Gallery
Fri 18 th	Primary Athletics
Mon/Wed 21 st – 23 rd	Year 10 Camp
Fri 25 th	Primary Book Parade
Wed 30 th	The BIG Event

September

Wed 13 th	CSEN Athletics Bendigo
Wed/Fri 13 th – 15 th	Year 3/4 Camp
Fri 22 nd	Footy Colours Day
Fri 22 nd	Term 3 finishes at 1:30pm

October

Mon 9 th	Term 4 Begins
Mon/Fri 16 th – 20 th	Year 10 Work Experience
Thu 19 th	Year 7 Orientation Day
Tue 24 th	Step into Prep
Tue 24 th	Last Day Year 12
Wed 25 th	Year 12 Dinner

November

Wed 1 st	Year 12 English Exam
Mon 6 th	Mid Term Break (no school) – Year 12 exams
Tue 7 th	Cup Day Holiday (no school) – Year 12 exams
Mon/Thu 13 th – 16 th	Secondary Exams (Yr 7-11)
Fri 17 th	Report Writing Day (Pupil Free)
Mon/Fri 20 th – 24 th	2018 VCE Orientation Week 1(Yr 10/11 in 2017)
Mon/Wed 20 th – 22 nd	Year 9 Camp
Thu 23 rd	Presentation Evening
Mon 27 th	2018 VCE Orientation Week 2(Yr 10/11 in 2017)
Tue 28 th	Prep Orientation Day

December

Fri 1 st	Year 10/11 Finish
Mon 4 th	Year 6 Graduation
Fri 8 th	Term 4 finishes at 3:20pm

PRAYER POINTS

- Praise God for a terrific Year 7 transition day.
- Pray for prep enrolments.
- Pray for students as they continue to settle into Semester 2.