

Wednesday, 26th April 2017



Dear Parents and Friends,

“Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friend” John 15:13 NIV

It was a privilege for me yesterday to walk in the annual Kerang Anzac day March from the clock tower in town to the Kerang Memorial Hall with a number of students and staff from Kerang Christian College. Of course we were one of many groups that marched yesterday including students from all the schools in Kerang. You may be wondering why we all didn’t walk to the Cenotaph in the gardens across the other side of the highway. The president of the Kerang RSL sub branch solved this mystery for us all by informing us that the entrance to the park was actually under water on Anzac day morning due to the heavy rain on the preceding night! There was a large crowd in the hall and many were standing, and quite a number of people couldn’t get in to the hall but waited outside. Our school was one of around 32 different organisations in town that presented a floral wreath in remembrance of those who have served our country in times of conflict.

We remembered the commitment made by so many men and women who served Australia in many conflicts over the last 100 years, some who made the ultimate sacrifice, but all who played a part in protecting our nation to preserve our way of life and culture. We remembered them with thankful hearts and thanked God for their lives of service.

The most moving part of the ceremony for me was the clapping affirmation by all in the hall as the Kerang returned service veterans proceeded out of the hall. This was a mark of honour and respect we all felt towards these people who did so much for this town and Australia in times past. The verse quoted above can apply to our ex-service men and women. It was also moving to see the descendants of our returned service people proudly marching with the medals of honour that our veterans were awarded in their service years.

This verse above also applies to Jesus our Saviour who laid down his life willingly for us. This was so that we might be reconnected to God our Father and have a hope and a future now and into eternity. Our response must be in repentance and faith.

May God bless you and your family,

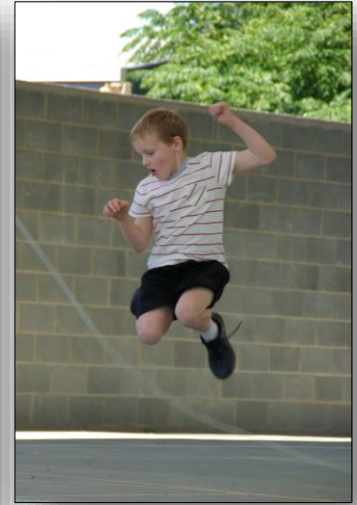
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JUMP ROPE and DODGEBALL



INFORMATION & TRANSITION DAYS

PREP TASTE & SEE HOUR
Thursday, 18th May, 9:30am – 10:30am

OPEN DAY
Thursday, 25th May, Tours 2:00pm – 3:00pm

YEAR 7 INFORMATION EVENING
Thursday, 25th May, 7:00pm

YEAR 7 TRANSITION DAY
Wednesday, 26th July, All day

VCE INFORMATION EVENING
Wednesday, 2nd August 7:00pm

YEAR 7 ORIENTATION DAY
Thursday, 19th October, All day

STEP INTO PREP
Tuesday, 24th October, 9:00am – 10:30am

PREP ORIENTATION DAY
Tuesday, 28th November, 9:00am – 12 noon



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Students raised a total of \$1375.00 for the Heart Foundation from their participation in the Jump Rope for Heart program.

Thank you to parents that came and supported the students in their efforts.

Congratulations to staff and students for a terrific afternoon.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

PHYSICAL EDUCATION YEARS 7-10

During 2017, some Physical Education classes at Kerang Christian College will be conducted on the sporting fields opposite the College. The College acknowledges the Kerang Football / Netball club for allowing Kerang Christian College to utilise this community facility during school hours. When required, students will walk across Wyndham Street under the supervision of a teacher.

WINTER UNIFORM

A reminder that all students need to be in full winter uniform on **Monday, 1st May**. The school has purchased some navy winter beanies and scarves to prevent students from wearing non-uniform items. Students may wear these items to/from school and during recess and lunchtime to keep warm on those cold days. Beanies are available at \$10.00 and scarves \$15.00. The office is happy to help with all uniform enquiries.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

School Photos will be taken on **Wednesday, 3rd May**. Photo envelopes were sent home with students last week. Photo envelopes are due at the office by Tuesday, 2nd May.

FOOTBALL CLINIC

Year 3/4 students will participate in a Football Clinic with the Essendon Football Club on Tuesday, 16th May 2017. Students will walk to McLeod Oval, at the Kerang Technical High School at 10:15am. Students may wear their Sports uniform to school on this Tuesday.

WELFARE UPDATE

Headspace Presentation:

Next Monday, 1st May Kathryn Hindle from the Swan Hill Headspace office will be giving a presentation to ALL VCE students on 'A Healthy Headspace'. Breakfast will be provided at school for Year 11 and Year 12 students from 8:30 onwards. Year 12 will be expected at school for Lesson 1, even though they have a scheduled study lesson.

For more information on this presentation visit <https://www.headspace.org.au/young-people/tips-for-a-healthy-headspace/>

Parents of Secondary Students:

You may be aware of a Netflix series that came out over the holidays called '13 Reasons Why'. Over the last week it has become apparent that many of our students have watched this series over the school holidays. There has been widespread concern regarding this show and the issues it raises around youth suicide. Below is a response from Mental Health First Aid and some links to useful pointers when discussing these issues with your children.

Many will have heard in recent days about the recently released Netflix show, '13 Reasons Why'. The show is the story of a girl who suicides, leaving tapes for her classmates which place the blame on them.

Youth mental health and suicide prevention services worldwide, including MHFA Australia, have expressed concerns about the show, especially the graphic nature of some of the scenes.

Dr Claire Kelly, Youth Programs Manager says, "Telling young people they shouldn't watch it may reinforce the idea that suicide shouldn't be discussed. Instead, it's important for the adults around them to be ready to talk to them about the content, and about what they should do if they or one of their friends needs help."

MHFA Australia has created two documents to help with this:

1. Possible discussion points about the show. It is by no means exhaustive.
2. Summary of the plot and explanation of what material may be distressing or even triggering for vulnerable young people.

<https://mhfa.com.au/news/2017-04-21/32544/resources-adults-and-young-people-watching-netflix-tv-show-13-reasons-why>



What's happening ?

Prep/1/2

Prep/1/2 are investigating mixtures in Science. We were able to feel, smell, observe and even taste different substances, and predict what will happen when they are mixed.

Year 3/4

Year 3/4 students have been learning about angles in mathematics. They are learning to compare angles and classify them as equal to, greater than or less than a right angle.

Year 5/6

In History, the 5/6 class have started learning about the Gold Rush. This week they made 3D gold nuggets out of paper.

Year 7

In Year 7 textiles, students have earned their sewing licences and have begun to cut out their aprons.

Year 8

In Year 8 English, students have been looking at the characters and timeline of the novel, Doug and discussing attitudes towards Indigenous Australians.

Year 9

Year 8/9/10 Drama elective class are beginning their next adventure on the stage with ideas of princesses, sabotage and world domination. A normal day in the life of the Performing Arts.

Year 10

In Year 10 History, students have been learning about the 'Stolen Generation' and Aboriginal Rights.

Year 11

This week the Year 11 chemistry class completed an experiment where they created the compound, magnesium oxide. They had to burn magnesium metal in order to do this and then use their measurements to calculate various properties.

Year 12

Students in 20th Century history are studying the division of Germany and Berlin, this includes analysis of the Berlin Blockade and the building of the Berlin Wall.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

May

Mon	1 st	Headspace Presentation (VCE students)
Tue	2 nd	WCSSA Netball Bendigo (Secondary)
Wed	3 rd	School Photos
Thu	4 th	Year 7 Immunisations
Fri	5 th	Year 11 Fit2Drive Incursion
	9-11 th	Year 3,5,7,9 NAPLAN
	15-17 th	Year 5/6 Sovereign Hill Camp
Tue	16 th	Year 3/4 Footy Clinic
Thu	18 th	Taste and See Prep 9:30am -10:30am
Thu	25 th	Year 7 Information Evening 7pm

June

Fri	9 th	Report Writing Day (Pupil Free)
Mon	12 th	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday (No School)

PRAYER POINTS

- Praise God for a safe and happy Holidays.
- Praise God for Miss Van Leeuwen starting on Monday.
- Pray for the Year 5/6 Sovereign Hill Camp
- Pray for the WCSSA Netball in Bendigo

NEWSLETTER INSERTS

- School Photo envelopes (Sent: 19/4)
- WCSSA Netball (via CareMonkey)
- Year 5/6 Sovereign Hill Camp (via CareMonkey)
- Parent's Guide to Internet Use (email attachment)
- 2018 Information and Transition Days (email attachment)

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