

Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> June 2017

## Dear Parents and Friends,

Last Thursday six senior students including our school captains attended a prayer lunch in Bendigo organised by Christian Schools Australia. There were between forty and fifty students from Christian schools in regional Victoria. It was good to meet as a group, to sing, pray and share together about our common Christian faith.

At Kerang Christian College, we believe in the power of prayer to change lives and situations, and in many places in the Bible God exhorts us to pray. In Matthew Chapter 18 verse 20 Jesus encourages us with the words ***“For where two or three gather together as my followers, I am there among them.”*** and in Philippians 4: 6-7 we are encouraged with ***“do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”***

When I was a student and before I started an exam, (our secondary students are undertaking exams now), I used to pray that God would enable me to do the best that I could and that I would be able to think clearly. Of course the assumption for this prayer is that I had prepared properly for the exam, because God enabling me to do my best would not be good enough if I hadn't studied.

I would encourage you to pray with your students about issues as they arise. It is because we believe that God answers prayer that staff pray regularly for each other, students and the issues that they are currently facing. As a school staff we are also consciously aware that we daily need God's wisdom, love and understanding to deal with the many complex issues that occur. James 1:5 indicates that we can ask God for wisdom and that He will generously give it. ***“If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you”.***

The end of term is rapidly approaching and whilst students are completing assessments staff are finalising their reports on students, their achievements and challenges.

May God bless you and your family,

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## MISSION TRIP



Later in the year, Year 11 student **Lachlan Gill** will be going to Indonesia on a Mission trip with three other men from the Boort Baptist Church to build a kindergarten consisting of two class rooms and one office. The new building will be constructed in a medium sized village located on a mountain called Soe in the Island of West Timor in Indonesia. One of Lachy's jobs alongside many other church members and local villagers will be laying the bricks for the 13 x 9 metre construction as well as many other tasks to complete the building. The community they will be working in is very poor. Lachy and the team would very much appreciate your prayers and thoughts, if you feel led to support the team financially please feel free to talk to Lachy or contact the school office.

## CSA PRAYER LUNCH



Six senior students and Mr Barker attended the CSA prayer lunch in Bendigo last Thursday. This event was held to give senior (Years 10-12) students the opportunity to come together publicly to acknowledge the importance of their faith and the need for prayer in our community. Also to:

- a) Pray for God's guidance for the leaders of our state and nation; and
- b) Inspire and encourage our young people to use their gifts to be effective ministers of the gospel within their community.

The Guest Speaker was Pastor Steve Shaw, Chaplain, at the Ballarat Christian College and his topic was "Lives that Change a World!"

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## REPORT WRITING DAY – PUPIL FREE

**Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> June** is Report Writing Day (Pupil Free Day).

**Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> June** is the Queen's Birthday (Public Holiday). Enjoy your extra-long weekend.



## GAT

Students enrolled in a Unit 3/4 subject will complete the GAT next **Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> June**. The GAT is an essential part of the VCE assessment procedures.

## SENSORY GARDEN

The College has been awarded a small grant through the Victorian Schools Garden Awards and Independent Schools of Victoria to expand the school's Sensory Garden. If anyone has any plants or cuttings they would like to contribute to the garden we are looking for plants that interact with one of the five senses: sight, smell, touch, taste and sound. For example, native grasses, lambs ears, herbs and scented plants would be appreciated. For further information please contact Meghan on [mstewart@kccs.vic.edu.au](mailto:mstewart@kccs.vic.edu.au)

## WELFARE UPDATE: MS ANDERSON

As I write this, our Secondary Students are sitting their first exam for Semester 1. For some of our students it is their first experience of preparing and sitting for Finals, whilst for our Year 11's it's their first look at the format of final VCE Exams. Assessment times can often be challenging and stressful for our students but it is important to remind them that these 'finals' aren't the be all and end all. Life will go on when they are completed, corrected and forgotten. Regardless of the end result, your child will have learnt valuable lessons about themselves in the process. Life is so much more than a mark on an Exam! Life is an ongoing opportunity to learn – and much of our learning truly begins once we walk out the doors of formal education. Encourage your kids to take some time at the end of this Semester to reflect on what they have learnt – not only the course content in their classes, but also what they have learnt about themselves and the amazing individual that they are developing in to!

## PRIMARY CHAPEL

Primary chapel is held every Monday morning in the Green Room at 9:00am – 9:50am. Parents and friends are most welcome to attend.

## FATHERS DAY

With the success of the Mother's Day stall, we are seeking donations for a Father's Day stall later in the year. If you can help please leave donations at the College office.

## NATIONAL SIMULTANEOUS STORYTIME

The Primary School students at Kerang Christian College enjoyed hearing the story book, *The Cow that tripped over the Moon* as part of National Simultaneous Storytime on Wednesday, 24<sup>th</sup> May. Thank you to **Ms McKnight** for reading the story to our Prep – Year 4 students this year.

## LIBRARY

Wednesday is Library day for our Primary students. We are thankful to Ms McKnight as she looks after all students in the College library.





# What's happening ?

## SCHOOL CALENDAR

<b>June</b>		Year 7 -11 Exams
5 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup>		
<b>Fri</b>	<b>9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Report Writing Day (Pupil Free Day)</b>
Mon	12 <sup>th</sup>	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday (No School)
Wed	14 <sup>th</sup>	Unit 3 GAT
Fri	16 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5/6 Lightning Premiership
<b>Tue</b>	<b>27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Term 2 ends</b>
28 <sup>th</sup> -30 <sup>th</sup>		Staff Planning
<b>July</b>		
Mon	17 <sup>th</sup>	Term 3 starts
Wed	26 <sup>th</sup>	Year 7 Transition Day
Thurs	27 <sup>th</sup>	Parent Teacher Interviews 3:40pm – 8:00pm

### Prep/1/2

Prep/1/2 have been talking about recognising different emotions in ourselves and others, and finding appropriate ways to react.

### Year 3/4

In Visual Arts, students have been enjoying creating paper collage sunsets.

### Year 5/6

Recently in P.E, students have been developing their fielding and batting skills in the game of t-ball.

### Year 7

In English the Year 7s have begun writing mystery stories. Their stories are based on the Mysteries of Harris Burdick. Harris Burdick illustrated 14 of his stories with a title and a short explanation, but then disappeared. His stories were never found.

### Year 8

Year 8 enjoyed their medieval feast and activities on Tuesday night.

### Year 9/10

The Outdoor Adventure Elective sharpened their First Aid skills this week, learning how to splint a broken leg, bandage a cut with a foreign object in it and create a stretcher to carry the victim on. Happy to report that you would be in safe hand with most of the students in this class.

### Year 11

This week Year 11 students are undertaking their Unit 1 examinations.

### Year 12

Unit 3 Psychology students are busy doing a research investigation into short term memory.

## PRAYER POINTS

- Praise for a successful Open Day and Year 7 Information evening.
- Pray for teachers as they write reports.
- Pray for senior students as they sit the GAT next Wednesday.

## NEWSLETTER INSERTS

- Year 5/6 Lightning Premiership (via CareMonkey)
- Canteen Roster (Sent: 7/6)
- GAT Letter to Unit 3/4 students (Sent: 7/6)

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### NEWSLETTER VIA EMAIL

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