

The Harvest

The Newsletter of Kerang Christian College



Integrity, Faith, Family

Wednesday, 8th February 2017

Dear Parents and Friends

Welcome to the first edition of the Harvest for 2017. It is a pleasure to begin work in this college with such an amazing history and ample evidence of God's abiding goodness over the last 35 years.

It has been a smooth start to the college academic year beginning with our inaugural first day sausage sizzle with around 160 people celebrating community together.

The College theme for this year is "Community" and we will be investigating this as the year progresses both in and out of class. In a community, one of the key principles is relationship building. The more we know about others, the more likely we are to care about them, to defend them, to want to learn even more about them.

For teachers one of the guiding principles for successful teaching and learning in a classroom is that the child/student feels that their teacher likes them and can build a rapport with each student to help them achieve their best. It is my hope and prayer that Kerang Christian College can continue to develop into a community of people that can reach out and be a blessing to their community.

On Sunday February 19th there will be a dedication service for the teachers of the College during the Kerang Baptist Church service at 10:30 am. All families are warmly welcome.

Please pray for our school community that we continue to grow into a Christian community that is honoring to God

God bless you,

Wayne Barker
Principal

Congratulations to **Mrs Joyce Gee** on winning the Australian Day Gannawarra Shire Senior of the Year Award.



SAUSAGE SIZZLE

We are happy to report there were no snags at the sausage sizzle. Parents, grandparents and friends attended our sausage sizzle on the first day of school. It was a terrific turn up with over 250 sausages consumed. Thank you to staff, students and parent/grandparent helpers for your contribution to this afternoon, it was much appreciated. I look forward to getting to know you more as the year continues. I look forward to more events like this, so we can celebrate Community.

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PRIMARY



PREP STUDENTS

We welcome our Prep students. Pictured left are Indiana, Zane, Deane and Sam. Mikayla is absent.

Prep students will have the remainder of Wednesdays off for all of Term 1. We trust this will assist with their transition into school.

LIBRARY DAY

Library Day is on Wednesdays. Primary School students are required to have a library bag to borrow books.

SWIMMING LESSONS

Swimming lessons started today, **Wednesday, 8th February**. Lessons will continue **Friday, 17th February** for the next five weeks.

SECONDARY

SCHOOL CAPTAINS

Secondary students will have leadership opportunities in the following areas in 2017:

Year 7 – Home Group Captain

Year 8 – Home Group Captain

Year 9 – Middle Years Captains x 2

Year 10 – Home Group Captain

Year 11 – Home Group Captain

Year 12 – School Captain, School Vice-Captain

These captains will be members of the Student Representative Council who will meet at least once a term. Students may submit nominations to either their Home Group teachers or Mrs Café by the end of this week (**Friday, 10th February**). Nominees for Middle Years Captains and School Captains are required to make a brief speech to their cohort and a vote by secret ballot will be conducted next week.

Students in Years 11 & 12 will also have the opportunity to be House Captains and Vice Captains for their respective houses, for House Events. They will attend the SRC when House events are in discussion. If students have any further questions they should feel free to ask Mrs Café.

UNIT 1 PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Students were presented with two flat pack table tennis tables that needed assembly. The brief was to read and follow the flat pack instructions to assemble the two tables. Students were given the tools to construct the table and the teacher observed and supported the students. It was humorous to see student's first attempt to tighten bolts using two tools simultaneously. The first table tennis table took 1 hour 20 minutes to assemble but the second one, after the sharp learning curve was completed in 25 minutes. Students then practised and developed their skills by attempting to beat the teacher (successfully) and Mrs Slatter (unsuccessfully!)



NEW STAFF

MRS DEBORRAH DAVID

It is with pleasure that the College welcomes Mrs Deborah David as a teacher commencing in January, 2017. Mrs David has completed a Bachelor of Applied Science with majors in Biological and Chemical Sciences, Masters of Teaching with studies in Digital Technologies & Mathematics and Master of Education (Education Management). We welcome Deborah to our school community.



MRS JENNIFER DAWSON

We are pleased to announce the appointment of Mrs Jennifer Dawson as a teacher commencing in January, 2017. Mrs Dawson has completed a Bachelor of Arts, majoring in English and Psychology, a Diploma of Education training in English and History (Secondary Education) and a Master of Arts in Journalism. Mrs Dawson is passionate about seeing children flourish into all that God created them to be. We welcome Mrs Dawson to our school community in 2017.



STUDENT WELLBEING:

MISS CAZ ANDERSON - COLLEGE CHAPLAIN

This year Caz Anderson is excited to be working in Student Wellbeing across the whole of the College. Caz will have time allocated, largely on a Friday, but also throughout the week, to work one-on-one with students, to assist families and to work with different groups of students from across the school. Students can be referred to Wellbeing via their classroom teacher or a family member and secondary students are also able to self-refer.

Caz can be contacted at the College Office, or via email at canderson@kccs.vic.edu.au. She is looking forward to working with you all.



PRAYER POINTS

- Praise God for a great start to the school year.
- Praise God for the beautiful weather.
- Praise God for a terrific sausage sizzle on Tuesday.
- Praise God for the positive attitude of students as they commence the school year.
- Pray for staff and students as they settle back into routine.



What's happening ?

Prep/1/2

P/1/2 have been busy learning our class routines this week. We are becoming experts at unpacking and packing, praying together, finding the books we need and listening carefully.

Year 3/4

In mathematics the students have been learning to recognize, represent and order numbers to thousands and tens of thousands.

Year 5/6

Inspired by the artist Modigliani and the features of his work, students have begun drawing self-portraits in Visual Art.

Year 7

The Year 7 class has dived right into their studies. With activities like swimming and the Lunch Box opening, there is so much to be thankful for.

Year 8

In Year 8 English, students have started their poetry unit by examining similes and metaphors.

Year 9

In Year 9 History, students are studying life in England, before and during the Industrial Revolution.

Year 10

Recently in Sport, students enjoyed working together in teams to participate in a range of games including Capture the Flag.

Year 11

In Year 11 Food Studies, students have looked at the origins of food from the DRC in central Africa to Lapland, and the development of food cultures around the world.

Year 12

In Year 12 Food Studies, students have studied eating and digestion processes, and Australian Dietary guidelines.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

February

Wed	8 th	Primary Swimming
Mon	13 th	Zone Swimming Trials
Fri	17 th	Primary Swimming / School Fees Due
Fri	24 th	Primary Swimming

March

Thu	2 nd	Year 7 Immunisations
Fri	3 rd	Primary Swimming
Mon	6 th	Whole School Swimming Carnival
Fri	10 th	Primary Swimming
Mon	13 th	Labour Day Public Holiday
Wed	15 th	CSEN Swimming Ballarat
Fri	17 th	Primary Swimming
Mon	20 th	Primary Hockey Clinic
Fri	31 st	End of Term 1 (1:30pm)

April

Mon	17 th	Easter Monday (No School)
Tue	18 th	First Day of Term 2
Tue	25 th	Anzac Day Public Holiday

May

Tue	2 nd	WCSSA Bendigo
Thu	4 th	Year 7 Immunisations
Fri	5 th	Year 11 Fit2Drive

NEWSLETTER INSERTS

- Primary and Secondary Swimming (Sent: 1/2)
- Canteen Menu and Roster (Sent: 2/2)
- Elective Forms (Sent: 2/2)
- VCE Private Study (Sent: 6/2)
- Introduction to Care Monkey (email attachment)
- Community News (email attachment)

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