

Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> November 2015

## From the Principal



### REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICES

This year, the 11<sup>th</sup> November marked the 97th anniversary of the Armistice, which ended the First World War (1914-18). Each year on this day Australians observe one minute's silence at 11 am, in memory of those who died or suffered in all wars and armed conflicts.

Miss Brooke Alder and a number of our student leaders attended the annual memorial service held at the Kerang Cenotaph on Wednesday.

The College also conducted a Remembrance Day service at the flag pole at the front of the school. At our service, **Madeleine Frost** (Year 11) and **Liam Ayre** (Year 10) shared some history about Remembrance Day. Our Year 6 students flew the Australian National Flag at half-mast to recognise the sacrifice of all those who have died for Australia. I wish to thank our students for the respectful way in which they conducted themselves on Remembrance Day.



Working together,

**Michael Bond**  
Principal



**Strategic Goal 3:**  
**Further Developing the School Culture**  
"Further develop a caring, Christian environment that meets the needs of individual students."

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# Primary School Report

## What did you do at school today?

### Prep

The Preps are working on writing and typing up their information reports, which were written about an animal of their choice.

### Year 1

The Year 1s enjoyed meeting some more minibeasts this week in Science. We observed snails, fed them, watched them move, and then completed an annotated drawing of a snail.

### Year 2

Year 2 enjoyed making scones and then tasting their cooking. They followed the recipe (Procedural Writing) making sure they completed all the steps correctly. They were delighted that they could share some with their families.

### Year 3

The students have been learning about how to find fractions of a group. They enjoyed solving a range of problems.

### Year 4

The Year 4 students enjoyed going on our walkabout viewing Kerang's man made features. They had pictures of locations around Kerang from the past and went to these places in real life to identify the similarities and differences.

### Year 5

For History this term we are learning about Community Services. Joyce Gee came in to talk to the students about her work with the SES. She talked to them about what it means to volunteer and the different types of jobs that she does with the SES.

### Year 6

In ICT, the Year 6 students have been working on an animation assignment. They had to first create 3 different backgrounds in Paint and then create 3 different Pivot animations.

## PREP ORIENTATION DAY

On **Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> November** the College will hold a 'New School' Prep Orientation morning for students enrolling in Prep for 2016 at Kerang Christian College. This will be held between 9 a.m. and 12 noon at the College. This morning will allow the soon-to-be Preps to become familiar with the classroom and Prep teacher.

## NORTHAVEN GARDEN PARTY

Students in Prep to Year 6 have the opportunity to attend the annual Northaven Garden Party on **Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> November 2015**. Students will walk to Northaven at approximately 11:00 a.m. where they will have the opportunity to spend their pocket money on the White Elephant and food stalls. Children may bring small change to spend on the day. Students will be accompanied by Home Group teachers to this event. Students will walk back to the College at approximately 12:30 p.m.

## ASSESSMENT WEEK

Students in Prep – Year 10 at Kerang Christian College will be participating in Assessment Week between the **16<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> November**. This is a chance for teachers to assess students with a number of tests that include class-based tests as well as standardised tests. The standardised tests are based on statistics gathered from thousands of students and provide staff with a guide as to how each child is progressing against a wider cohort of students. Assessments and tests at Kerang Christian College are just one part of a wide range of assessment tools which are used in the Primary and Secondary Schools to form a picture of student progress. Assessment during the year is based on a variety of tasks including written, oral, practical, independent work and contribution to team work, class work and work off-campus, projects and assignments, presentations and journals.

## STUDENT FREE DAY

**Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> November** is a Student Free Day for Prep – Year 11 students. Staff will be involved in report writing, grading assessments and planning for 2016. Please note this date on your calendar.

## CFA VISIT

Last Friday, our Primary School students enjoyed a special presentation delivered by representatives from the CFA. The session provided students with some hands-on activities to learn more about home fire safety. We wish to thank **Mrs Kate Nelson** for organising the CFA visit.

Please refer to the calendar on the last page of *The Harvest* for the dates of upcoming school events.

**Michael Bond**  
Principal / Head of Primary School



## T-20 CRICKET

### FUN DAY OF CRICKET

As part of our Primary School Sports Program, the Year 5/6 students had the opportunity to participate in the Kerang T20 Cricket at the Riverside Park on Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> November, 2015. The MILO T20 Blast School Cup aims to give children a taste of the action by involving them in small sided games with all the elements of Twenty20.

The MILO T20 Blast School Cup ran for approximately four hours, during which teams played a minimum of four games. These games ensured everyone was engaged in the action having a chance to bat, bowl, field and wicket keep for an equal amount of time. Well done, Year 5/6 students! Thank you to **Miss Bronwyne Van Leeuwen** for organising this event for our students and **Mrs Pennie Gill** for assisting as an umpire throughout the day.



## PRIMARY SCHOOL FUN AFTERNOON



### PRIMARY SCHOOL GAMES AFTERNOON

As part of the Year 5/6 Leadership program, the students organised a games afternoon for the Primary School students on Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> November. Students who undertook the Semester 1 Secondary School elective class, Event Management, also assisted with this special afternoon. We wish to thank **Miss Bronwyne Van Leeuwen** for overseeing this event for our Primary School students.

# Middle School Report

## YEAR 9 EXCURSION

On **Wednesday, 25th November, 2015** students in Year 9 will travel to Melbourne to participate in a range of activities and workshops. The first session is titled, "What Makes a Great Video Game", hosted by The Australian Centre for the Moving Image (ACMI). Students will hear a presentation about the development of games such as Mario Brothers and TY the Tasmanian Tiger. Following this, students will have the opportunity to explore the Screen Worlds Exhibition at ACMI. Students will then walk to Southgate for lunch prior to attending the "Simple Sampling" Workshop at The Channel. In this workshop, students will record their own vocal samples and learn how to edit, trigger and arrange them into a beat. They will then create their own music using drum, instrumental and their own vocal samples. Students will gain an insight into contemporary electronic music production with this hands-on workshop. Next, students will travel by bus to Bounce Inc. at Essendon Fields to participate in a hosted Bounce session. We trust they will enjoy this special excursion.

## 2016 BOOKLISTS

Year 7 booklists were handed out on Year 7 Orientation Day and Year 8 -12 were posted home on Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> November.

Order Forms for the 2016 school year are due at Kerang Christian College by **Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> November 2015**. This year you also have the option of using an Online ordering system. These orders are also due by **Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> November 2015**.

Orders will be available for pick-up at J I Office Products Depot at 69 Bendigo Road, Kerang from **Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> January 2016**.

Late submission of booklist orders will mean that delivery will not be guaranteed before the school year starts. This may impede your child's start to the 2016 academic school year.

## EXAMINATIONS

Secondary School students completed examinations on Monday and Tuesday this week. Each examination contributes towards students' overall grade in English, Mathematics, Geography and Science.

## ASSESSMENT WEEK

Following the examinations, students will complete a range of standardised assessments in their English and Mathematics classes. This provides valuable information about student progress.

## STUDENT FREE DAY

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## What did you do at school today?

### Year 7

The Year 7 students have completed their first end of year examinations this week. Students had examinations for English, Mathematics, Science and Geography.

During ICT, the Year 7 students have been learning about infographics.

On Friday, the students enjoyed playing a game of cricket during their Physical Education lesson. They did a great job encouraging each other during the match.

### Year 8

The students in Year 8 enjoyed participating in a trial court sitting in their Humanities class recently. Students have been learning about civil law.

During Geography lessons the Year 8 students have recently learnt about six figure grid referencing. They enjoyed participating in some mapping activities.

### Year 9

During English lessons, the Year 9 students have been studying for their English examination. They reviewed their studies of Romeo and Juliet and the Truman Show. They also completed a range of revision activities.

In Geography, students have been exploring interconnections. Students have investigated one product that has been purchased by their household and have investigated where the product was produced, where it was manufactured and what the supply chain is for the product.

## MIDDLE SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS



### YEAR 8 MOSIACS

Each year, students in Year 8 design and make a mosaic tile depicting a Bible story. These tiles form part of the display near the Year 9 Learning Centre. Our current Year 8 students completed these tiles in a full-day program on Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> November. We look forward to seeing the designs that the students created on display in 2016. Thank you to **Mr Ian Banfield**, who is currently constructing the frames to display the new instalments and to **Mrs Rachel Carter** for running this program.



### PARENTING IDEAS

This week's Parenting Ideas newsletter is titled "Manage like a cat, nurture like a dog". It discusses some ideas for communicating with young people and finding the balance between being firm and being nurturing. I trust you find it an interesting read.

**Michelle Cuddon**  
Head of Secondary School



# Senior School Report

## Exam Study Tips

**Work consistently throughout the year.** Regularly scheduling some revision throughout the semester assists with learning and understanding.

**Draw up a study plan.** Most students have a busy schedule with other commitments including sport, work, friends and family. It can be a useful strategy to plan what you aim to study each day leading up to the examinations. This is a good strategy to ensure you don't miss anything and don't get stuck studying for subjects at the last minute.

**Study with purpose.** Think about how you are going to study for each subject. Can you study chapter questions? Are there any past papers or practice exams? Can you develop a study guide?

**Completing practice exams is an effective strategy at the VCE level.** Completing practice exams can build your confidence in how to attempt different types of questions, managing your exam time and building your content knowledge.

**Read your exam timetable.** It is important to know the details of your exam. When is it scheduled? How long does it go for? What can you bring into the exam room? Students should be familiar with the exam rules.

**Maintain your routines.** The little things like eating well, sleeping well and staying positive can help you prepare for your examinations.

## VCE EXAMINATION WEEK

The **23<sup>rd</sup> November to 27<sup>th</sup> November** is VCE examination week at Kerang Christian College. The timetable has been promoted throughout the last month. Please let me know if you have any questions.

## VCE ORIENTATION WEEK

VCE Orientation week is taking place from **30<sup>th</sup> November** to the **7<sup>th</sup> December**. The Orientation timetable has been attached for Senior School students. A reminder to all Senior School students that although formal classes finish on Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> December, your presence is required at Presentation Evening on **Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> December**.

## VCE HANDBOOKS

This year we have provided each student in Years 9 – 11 with a copy of two key documents, our VCE Student Policy Handbook and the VCE Subject Selection Guide. Please let me know if you know of a family who is interested in receiving a copy of these documents. We look forward to seeing our school grow in 2016.

## PARENT AND STUDENT DECLARATION

Students are reminded that the signed 'Parents and Student Declaration' forms were due by Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> September. This form was included in the information package at the Senior School Information Evening. A number of forms are still due to come in. Please sign and return this form to the College Office prior to the commencement of VCE Orientation Week.

## PRESENTATION EVENING

Presentation Evening will be held on **Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> December** from 7pm at the Memorial Hall in Kerang. All students from Prep to Year 11 will be involved in the evening. Tickets for Presentation Evening are free of charge. Please ensure this information is marked on your calendar. We would love all families to join us. All students are expected to attend this event.

## UPCOMING SCHOOL EVENTS

Please refer to the calendar on the last page of *The Harvest* for the dates of upcoming school events.

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to email me at [mcafe@kccs.vic.edu.au](mailto:mcafe@kccs.vic.edu.au) or contact the College Office.

**Michelle Café**  
Head of Senior School



## THEATRE STUDIES



### DRAMA IN THE GARDEN

Our teaching staff enjoyed a special performance by the Unit 2 Theatre Studies class. Congratulations to **Lenny Brown**, **Rickie Edgley** and **Amy McIntosh**. We also wish to acknowledge special appearances by **Miss Brooke Alder** and **Miss Genna Henderson**.

## LIONS YOUTH OF THE YEAR



### ENTRIES OPEN

Senior School students heard a presentation about the Lions Youth of the Year competition Monday last week. Categories for the event are an interview, where leadership, sporting and cultural activities, citizenship and community involvement will be questioned; general knowledge will be tested, and finally a prepared 5 minute speech with a topic of your own choosing will be presented to judges and the Kerang Lions Club members on **Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> November**.

Entries are due by **Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> November 2015**.

If you are interested, please contact the Lions Club via Peter Niall on 5452 2850 or [pmniall@westnet.com.au](mailto:pmniall@westnet.com.au). Please also refer to: <http://lionsclubs.org.au>

## SECONDARY SCHOOL BOOKLISTS

### REMINDER

Order forms are requested to be returned to Kerang Christian College by no later than **Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> November 2015**. Order forms can also be completed online at [www.jiofficeproducts.com.au](http://www.jiofficeproducts.com.au). Completed packs will be available at J I Office Products from Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> January 2016.

## YEAR 7 ORIENTATION DAY

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It was a pleasure to host Year 7 Orientation Day on Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> November 2015. This was an important day for students to meet new classmates / teachers and familiarise themselves with the Secondary School area, class times, rooms and some of the subjects that are offered here at Kerang Christian College. We can't wait to see our new Year 7 students again at the commencement of the 2016 academic school year.



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## SECONDARY ORIENTATION DAYS



### VCE ORIENTATION WEEK

Senior School students will have the opportunity to experience their first taste of 2016 VCE classes during our VCE Orientation program that runs from **Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> November** to **Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> December**. A week's orientation for VCE provides a valuable opportunity for students to not only receive the study material needed and gain information about the subjects they are enrolled in, it also allows them to complete a significant amount of subject content. This in turn helps them to get an effective head start to their studies, which should translate into a better understanding of the topics they cover as they progress into next year. Year 10 students will be effectively moving into Year 11, while our Year 11 students will commence Year 12 for their last week of schooling in 2015. Some Year 9 students will commence accelerated Unit 1 VCE Courses.

## WALK TO SCHOOL PRESENTATION



The Gannawarra Golden Shoe trophy was presented by Cr Oscar Aertssen to the Year 5/6 Home Group class on Thursday. The students in Years 3 – 6 kept track of their combined distance walked or run during Term 4. The Year 3/4 Home Group class was racing the Year 5/6 Home Group class to Renmark, South Australia. The students in both classes successfully completed the 422km of walking or running, with the Year 5/6 students arriving first.

We also wish to thank Ms Narelle O'Donoghue, Manager Community Health from the Gannawarra Shire Council for her support and encouragement during the month of October.

**Picture: Kathleen Gibson** receiving the Gold Shoe trophy on behalf of the Year 5/6 Home Group.

## SPECIAL EVENTS



### YEAR 6 GRADUATION Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> November 2015

The Year 6 Graduation Ceremony will be held in the Secondary School building at Kerang Christian College on **Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> November** at 7:00 p.m. and will conclude at approximately 8:15 p.m.

The evening will be an opportunity to recognise and celebrate the achievement of our Year 6 students as they graduate from Primary School. It is also an event that marks the transition of our Year 5 students as the new leaders of our Primary School in preparation for 2016.

### PRESENTATION EVENING Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> December 2015

We are looking forward to Presentation Evening on **Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> December** at the Memorial Hall in Kerang. This event is one of the more significant events on the school calendar. We appreciate the support of our students and families on this special occasion.

We request that students arrive at the venue prior to 6:45 p.m. The evening will commence at 7pm and conclude at approximately 8:30 p.m.



## ENROLMENT INFORMATION

### PREP TRANSITION FOR 2016

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. An enrolment pack can be obtained by contacting Mrs Leanne Pryor on 5450 3894.

### AVAILABILITY

Enrolment places still exist in our Prep program for 2016. Please contact the Office if you wish to find out more information.

### WEBSITE

[www.kccs.vic.edu.au/enrolment](http://www.kccs.vic.edu.au/enrolment)

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### YEAR 7 TRANSITION 2016

Our transition program into Year 7 involves a number of important events. Tours of the school are available throughout the year by appointment. This is an opportunity to see how the College works and what the College looks like. Please contact the College Office to find out additional information.

### AVAILABILITY

Enrolment places still exist in most of our Secondary School classes. Please contact the Office if you wish to find out more information. The College will be offering Prep – Year 12 studies in 2016.

### TRANSFER STUDENTS

Kerang Christian College accepts transfer students on a case-by-case basis. Applications are accepted throughout the year, subject to availability.



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### STUDENTS LEAVING

Parents are reminded that one full term's notice is required if a student is leaving the College. You must notify the College by the end of Term 3 if a student is leaving the College at the end of 2015. Your letter, addressed to the Principal, must also inform us of the new school the student will attend. The lack of one term's notice will result in the payment of one term's fees in lieu.



## CALENDAR

Nov	16 – 19	Year 7 – 10 Examinations
	Thu 26	New School Prep Orientation Day
	23 – 27	VCE Examination Week
	Fri 20	Report Writing Day – Pupil Free
	Mon 23	Scholastic orders due
	Mon 30	Year 6 Graduation
	Fri 27	Northaven Garden Party
	30 – 4	VCE Orientation Week
Dec	Mon 7	Last Day Year 10 and 11
	Mon 7	Last Canteen Day
	Wed 9	Presentation Evening
	Fri 11	Term 4 Ends
	Wed 16	School Office closes 3pm
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Jan	Wed 20	School Office opens 9 am
	Tue 26	Australia Day Public Holiday
	Thu 28	Term 1 Commences
Mar	Mon 14	Labour Day Public Holiday
	Thur 24	Term 1 Ends
	Fri 25	Good Friday
Apr	Mon 11	Term 2 Commences

## NEWSLETTER INSERTS

- Northaven Garden Party rescheduled (Sent: 11/11)
- Year 6 Graduation Ceremony (Sent: 11/11)
- Booklists (Sent: 13/11)
- Year 9 Excursion Permission Letter (Sent: 13/11)
- VCE Student and Parent Declaration (Sent: 16/11)
- Parenting Ideas
- VCE Orientation timetable

## BIRTHDAYS

18<sup>th</sup> November – Jemarie  
26<sup>th</sup> November - Elizabeth

## PRAYER POINTS

- We praise God for a terrific Year 7 Orientation Day. Pray for our Year 6 students as they settle in to Secondary School in 2016.
- Pray for our Year 6 Graduation coming up at the end of November.
- Pray for teachers as they prepare to begin report writing.

### PARENTS PLUS PRAYER GROUP

The Parents Plus Prayer Group meets every Thursday in the College Staff Room at 9am. All welcome. It is a relaxed and informal environment. No RSVP is required. There is no commitment to attend every week.

## CHARACTER FIRST

### CREATIVITY

*Approaching a need, a task, or an idea from a new perspective.*

### I Will See Things from More Than One Perspective

A person's circumstances look different when viewed from different angles. A creative individual steps back, takes a fresh look, and views each situation from a different perspective.

Years ago, two salesmen who sold shoes visited China. One wrote home and said, "No one wears shoes here," and sent his boxes back. The other wrote, "Everyone needs shoes here – send as many as you can!" Perspective made the difference.

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