

Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> October 2018

Dear Parents & Friends,

## Integrity, Faith and Family

Yesterday we had photographers at the College taking photos and videos to create a promotional montage. A number of students and staff were involved in this and in the context of this I was interviewed and questioned about our college motto which is "Integrity, Faith and Family"

Integrity has been defined as, the quality of being honest and having strong moral principles, or moral uprightness. It is a personal choice to hold one's self to consistent standards. In ethics, integrity is regarded as the honesty and truthfulness or accuracy of one's actions.

Certainly this is something we should all aspire to, but where do these strong moral principles come from. The answer I believe involves our second motto word "Faith". Our faith as Christians is in our God who created us and has used his Bible as a means of educating us into what it truly means to live a life in relationship with Him and with each other. It is because of our faith in God, and His moral principles for us for life that we read in His word, that we understand what is required of us and seek to put them into practise. I think that when Australia was first federated in 1901, the values and morals we began our nation with was very much reliant on the moral principles and values of the Judeo-Christian faith. Our society is still reliant on these and as a college we seek to educate our students into what it means to have a relationship with our creator and to live according to the moral values and principles that He gave us about what is right and wrong.

The final word in our Motto is "Family". The importance of families as structures that can best help in the nurture and growth of children (and their parents), and of showing what love is cannot be overstressed. It is from the loving, nurturing relationships in families that children first learn what real love is and this should continue throughout their lives and enable them to show love to others. The number one characteristic of our God is love and families are an important structure in God's plan for human beings to know what love is and how it is expressed.

I pray that we all may be reminded of the importance of "Integrity , Faith and Family" in our lives today.

God bless you and your family,

**Wayne Barker**

Faith  
*Family*  
Friends  
for these we give thanks



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### TERM 4 – SUMMER UNIFORM

All students should now be in their full summer uniform.

The uniform shop is open on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 3:30pm – 4:00pm throughout Term 4.



### TERM 4 - HATS

**ALL** Students during Term 4 are expected to wear their College hat at recess and lunch time as well as when they are outside during class time eg. PE and Sport.

### CANTEEN – ADDITIONAL DAY TRIAL

The Canteen will be open for 4 days during Term 4 on a trial basis. Canteen and lunch orders will be available throughout Term 4 on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday.

Please note the Canteen is now operating with the Summer Menu. Copies of the current summer menu are available from the office or the School Stream app (for more information on the app please see the office).

### YEAR 7 ORIENTATION

An Orientation Day for all 2019 enrolled Year 7 students will be held on **Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> October**. Orientation Day is a great opportunity for students to get to know their way around the College and to get a better feel for what Secondary School life will be like. Students will also get to meet a number of the teachers that will be instructing them next year.

## PREP ORIENTATION DAY

2019 Preps are invited to a special event that will be held to help the transition from Kindergarten to School. This event is also a great opportunity for soon-to-be preps to become familiar with the prep classroom and teacher at the College. Preps will participate in some special activities on **Tuesday, 27<sup>th</sup> November** between 9am – 12noon.

Prep Orientation is designed for prep students enrolled for 2019 with the College. Parents are encouraged to drop their child off at the Prep room and then share in morning tea in the staffroom to meet with other parents and teachers.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact the College Office.

## STEP INTO PREP

Soon-to-be Preps enjoyed visiting the Prep class for 'Step into Prep' on Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> October.





## FOOTY COLOURS DAY

On Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> September staff and students dressed in 'footy colours' to celebrate the last day of Term 3. Funds raised from this day will go toward the Student Welfare Program.





## WALK TO SCHOOL

Attached is a flyer with options of different ways and ideas students can walk or ride to school. Also attached is a map of a suggested route from the Gannawarra Shire of how parents and students can incorporate driving and walking to school as much as possible during Term 4. If you have any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to contact the office.



## FROM THE BURSAR

Please note the following:

- The Fee Schedule for 2019 was sent out with statements via email on 1<sup>st</sup> October. If you didn't receive a copy, please contact the School Bursar.
- See below for eligibility for Camps, Sport, Excursions Funding next school year, and contact the School if you qualify or have questions. Check out [goo.gl/P2GVHq](http://goo.gl/P2GVHq) for more information. The following Centrelink cards are the most common means-tested cards which can be used to apply for CSEF. The card type is a two or three letter code which is printed on the applicant's concession card:
  - YA or YAL (Youth Allowance)
  - PPS (Parenting Payment Single)
  - PPP (Parenting Payment Partnered)
  - DSP (Disability Support Pension)
  - NSA (Newstart Allowance)
  - LI (Low Income)
  - FA (Family Tax Benefit)
  - SA or SKA (Sickness Allowance)
  - CAR (Carer Payment)
  - ABA or ABY (Schooling Applicant)
  - AGE (Age Pension)
  - AUS (Austudy)
  - HCC (Health Care Card)
  - PTA (Partner Allowance)
  - SPL (Special Benefit)
  - WID or WFD or WFA (Widow Allowance/Pension)
- If you're considering a BYOD Device for your student, our IT Service Provider DWM has a list of suggested devices that work best on our network: [procure.dwm.com.au/page/kerang-christian-college-byod](http://procure.dwm.com.au/page/kerang-christian-college-byod) Contact the school if you'd like an invitation to the portal to see pricing.
- Please see the attached letter from the Australian Department of Education outlining the data collection for the new school funding model. It's for your information; no action is required.

## WELFARE

### Exams – They Matter; And They Don't!

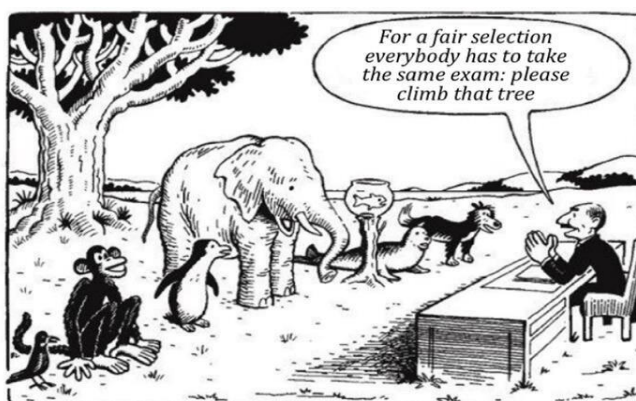
This is probably not a title you would expect to hear from a 20-year career educator – but the reality of the statement is true. Our student's exam marks are not what will define them as independent, capable, life-long learners. But many of our students have a number stuck in their head right now. It's an arbitrary number assigned by a particular University to allow entrance in a specific course – and that number has a name – it is the dreaded ATAR. The Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank – don't ask me to explain it and certainly don't ask me to show you the math behind it, but if you have a Year 12 student in your home – or any student looking to pursue further study, then you will be only too aware of the 'importance' of this number.

However, the reality is a student's ATAR is a number that matters for one day – the day University Placements are released. If it's high enough to ensure a first round offer, then the pathway forward is fairly simple. If it's not, there are now so many pathways forward for young people today that it truly is no big deal.

'Today's school leavers can expect to have, on average, five separate careers and 17 different employers if they work from the age of 18 till they turn 75.' (Sarah Berry, Sydney Morning Herald.) Gone are the days of one degree and one career forever. Most of our students will probably end up working in careers that presently don't even exist – so tell me again why that crazy little number matters?

However – there is no getting around the fast approaching exam season, so here are a few little ideas to help you all survive:

- Make sure there's a supportive environment at home and show empathy for the pressure they're under
- Make sure there's a quiet space for the young person to study
- Ensure they have access to nutritious food
- Making sure young people get enough sleep is important, so create boundaries around time on their phones or in front of the TV.
- If your child is struggling, there is extra support available – feel free to contact me through the College Office or via email, [canderson@kccs.vic.edu.au](mailto:canderson@kccs.vic.edu.au)



### Our Education System

*"Everybody is a genius. But if you judge a fish by its ability to climb a tree, it will live its whole life believing that it is stupid."*

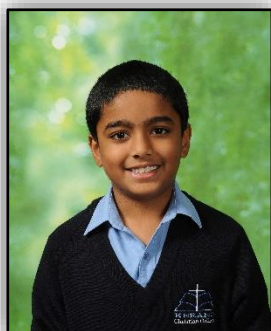
*- Albert Einstein*

## STAR OF THE MONTH

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.



Lewis Gieschen



Sam Joseph



Chloe Strange



Olivia Ferguson

## CANTEEN

WEDNESDAY and FRIDAY Canteen Duty is from 10:30am – 1:30pm

DATE	VOLUNTEER
Friday, 12 <sup>th</sup> October	
Wednesday, 17 <sup>th</sup> October	Sandra Peacock
Friday, 19 <sup>th</sup> October	
Wednesday, 24 <sup>th</sup> October	Lisa Evans
Friday, 26 <sup>th</sup> October	Aleena Burger
Wednesday, 31 <sup>st</sup> October	CLOSED
Friday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	CLOSED
Wednesday, 7 <sup>th</sup> November	
Friday, 9 <sup>th</sup> November	
Wednesday, 14 <sup>th</sup> November	Linda Harrison
Friday, 16 <sup>th</sup> November	REPORT WRITING DAY
Wednesday, 21 <sup>st</sup> November	Sandra Peacock
Friday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> November	Gerry Brown
Wednesday, 28 <sup>th</sup> November	Anthea Field
Friday, 30 <sup>th</sup> November	Pennie Gill
Wednesday, 5 <sup>th</sup> December	Lisa Evans
Friday, 7 <sup>th</sup> December	

Please see to the left for the Term 4 Canteen Roster.

Please note there will be no canteen for the whole week commencing Monday, 29<sup>th</sup> October through till Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November.

We are also still in need of volunteers for canteen particularly on Friday's, if you are able to help out please contact the College office.



*Whatever you do, do it all  
for the glory of God*  
1 Corinthians 10:31



## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### KERANG AMATEUR SWIMMING & LIFESAVING CLUB

Registrations for this year's swimming season will be held **TODAY, Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> October** (please note the change of date) between 4-6pm. Registration forms are available from SportsPower Kerang or from the Swimming Club Rooms on Registration night. **PLEASE DO NOT HAND FORMS BACK TO SPORTSPOWER.** Return forms to Kerang Swimming Club Room. Please see the attached flyer for further details.

### KERANG JUNIOR TENNIS – 2018 / 2019 SEASON

Registrations along with the 'Have a Hit Arvo' will be held on Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> October from 4.30pm with the season to commence the following week (Oct 26<sup>th</sup>). ALL new and old players most welcome!

Any questions please contact Janda Lancaster 0438 407 488.

### KERANG LITTLE ATHLETICS

Kerang Little Athletics season began on Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> October. New and returning members are all most welcome to take advantage of the 2 week trial before committing. Please see the attached flyer for further details.

### MENTAL HEALTH MOVIE NIGHT

Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> October at 7:30pm, Northern District Community Health present the movie 'Wonder' for mental health month. For further details please see the attached flyer.

### PORTSEA CAMP 2019

Applications are invited for eligible students aged 9 – 12 years for the annual Portsea camp in January 2019. Application forms are available from the Gannawarra Library. Please see the attached flyer for further details and how to apply.

### MY HEALTH RECORD INFORMATION SESSION

Community members are invited to an information session regarding the rollout of the My Health Record Program. The information session will be held on Monday, 22<sup>nd</sup> October at 10:30am in the Kerang District Health Conference Room. For further details please see the attached information sheet.

### St John's Anglican Church Fete

St John's Anglican Church will be holding their annual fete on Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> October from 5pm. For details please see the attached flyer.

## BUDDIES



"Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it."

Proverbs 22:6



"Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you, before you were born I set you apart."

Jeremiah 1:5



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# SCHOOL CALENDAR AND REMINDERS

## STAFF PROFILE



**Name:** Mrs Deanne (Dee) Slatter

**What is your role at School?**  
Office Manager / PA to Principal

**What is your favourite food?**  
Lemon Tart

**What is your favourite colour?**  
Green

**What football / sport team do you go for?**  
Collingwood Football Club (Go Pies!!!)

**What is your favourite holiday destination?**  
I am looking forward to travelling to Canada.

**What is your favourite TV show / movie?**  
I like 'chick flicks / hallmark' movies. (I like relaxing and not having to think too much during a movie).

**What family do you have?**  
Husband (Craig), 2 Sons (Blake & Luke), 1 Daughter (Olivia), 1 Brother & 1 Sister.

**Do you have any pets? What are their names?**  
Yes, a cat named Milky (technically she is my daughters cat).

**What do you like to do in your spare time?**  
Spend time with family, walk around Boort lake with friends, watch movies, watch Boort hockey, play board games like Catan.

**Is there anything else you might like to tell us?**  
I have been to Fiji 6 times (not for a holiday – although it's fun) I like to support my brother and sister-in-law who run a charity called 'Hope for a Village – Fiji'.

### Term 4 – October

Thurs	18 <sup>th</sup>	Year 7 Orientation
Fri	19 <sup>th</sup>	Northaven Visit (Prep – Yr 2)
Fri	19 <sup>th</sup>	Tennis Clinic (Yr 3 – 6)
Fri	19 <sup>th</sup>	Last day of Year 12
Mon	22 <sup>nd</sup>	Year 12 Celebration Day
Tues	23 <sup>rd</sup>	Year 12 Dinner
Wed	24 <sup>th</sup>	Responsible Pet Ownership (Primary)
Mon	29 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5/6 Camp – Canberra (5 days)
Wed	31 <sup>st</sup>	Yr 12 Exams Start

### November

Fri	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Northaven Visit
Mon	5 <sup>th</sup>	Mid Term Break (No School)
Tues	6 <sup>th</sup>	Cup Day (Public Holiday)
Wed	7 <sup>th</sup>	Yr 3 / 4 Camp (3 days)
Mon	12 <sup>th</sup>	Yr 7 -11 Exams / Assessment Week
Wed	14 <sup>th</sup>	Yr 9 Camp (3 days)
Fri	16 <sup>th</sup>	Report Writing Day
Mon	19 <sup>th</sup>	VCE Orientation Week (2 Weeks)
Tues	27 <sup>th</sup>	Prep Orientation Day
Thurs	29 <sup>th</sup>	Presentation Evening
Fri	30 <sup>th</sup>	Yr 10 & 11 Finish (Last Day)

### December

Mon	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Yr 6 Graduation
Fri	7 <sup>th</sup>	All Students Finish (Last Day - Term 4)

## PRAYER POINTS

- Praise God for safe and refreshing holidays.
- Pray for enrolments for 2019.
- Pray for Staff for 2019.
- Pray for rain.
- Pray for Yr 12 students and teachers as they prepare for exams.
- Pray for the Valedictory Dinner and for the organisation of this event.

## COMMUNICATION

Email:

- Walk to School - Primary 8-10

Handout:

- Yr 9 Camp – The Summit 16-10

Care Monkey:

- Farm Excursion – Yr 1 / 2 19-9
- Yr 3 / 4 Camp – Billabong Ranch 21-9
- Yr 5 / 6 Camp – Canberra 21-9
- Yr 12 Celebration Day 9-10
- Tennis Clinic – Yr 3 – 6 10-10
- Northaven Visit – Prep – Yr 2 12-10
- Yr 9 Camp – The Summit 15-10