

Wednesday, 31st October 2018

Dear Parents & Friends,

It's Assessment Time ... YAY!

Last Tuesday, October 23rd 2018 was the Year 12 Valedictory dinner in Barham at the 'Tudor Tavern'. It was a great celebration of the end of 13 years of Primary and Secondary Education with our senior students and their families. There is a collection of great photos from this event in this week's newsletter. The VCE Year 12 Exams start for with English, followed by a raft of other exams over the next 3 weeks.

Next weekend will be the mid-semester break. Our Prep to Year 11 students have Monday and Tuesday off and return to the College on Wednesday, 7th November. Following this week the Secondary school students will have their own internal exams beginning Monday, 12th November. The teachers of our secondary school students have set some revision tasks for their students as they begin preparing for these exams. Our primary teachers will also be undertaking students' assessment at this time.

Exams and tests are assessment tools used to determine the degree of student learning, Primary students have tests as well. What exactly do exams and tests assess? They can assess many things and there is a place for them to assess rote learning, for example maths facts, spelling and key common knowledge, but exams are more likely to assess student understanding. Can a student apply their knowledge in new and unfamiliar scenarios. VCAA Year 12 exams set a lot of questions of this type, and in our junior years we try to develop these problem solving strategies by increasing levels of complexity, as students progress through the school.

The reason for this emphasis has a lot to do with the types of problems our students will have to solve whilst at work. They rarely have simple one dimensional type problems, but often complex difficult types that are outside of the normal scenarios. Another reason for setting these types of problems is that it is the best way to assess true understanding of concepts and skills. Students who have practised and trained themselves by conscientious work in class and at home usually do better, and are more likely to succeed in their tertiary studies. Consequently their VCE exams will reflect this.

Is it the best way to assess? The answer is controversial particularly because it does not help students who find it hard to deal with stress and are less confident of their academic ability. That is why in any subject today a range of assessment items are used, (unlike when I was in high school and 100% of your assessment was based on your exams!). The best way to revise and prepare for tests & exams is to do a little, but often. Students should make summary revision sheets and diagrams, they should use highlighters to amplify key points. They shouldn't go through revision questions just once, as this will rarely be enough. As parents, it is always good to "encourage our student to do their best and to study". They often need to be 'reminded' to be their best.

For Christian parents it is always helpful to pray with you child / student as they prepare for testing times, asking that He will help them to remember the things they have studied and to be calm in the exam room. I have found it very helpful to pray at the start of an exam, for a clear head and the ability to do the best I was able to with the tasks given.

God bless you and your family,

Wayne Barker



ANNOUNCEMENTS



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

Reminder there is no canteen this week. Canteen will resume next Wednesday, 7th November for the usual 4 days. Please remember, the canteen is now operating on the Summer Menu. Pick up a summer menu from the office or view on the school stream app. Anything ordered on the Winter Menu will not be served and your order will need to be changed.

MID TERM BREAK

All students will not be required at school on Monday, 5th November and Tuesday 6th November. Both of these days will be pupil free days.

Friday, 16th November will also be a pupil free day for the purpose of report writing.

YEAR 7 ORIENTATION DAY



2019 Year 7 students enjoyed exploring the world of Secondary School at Kerang Christian College on Thursday, 18th October. Students had fun exploring subjects such as: Food, Art, Science, PE & ICT.

Picture: Excited Year 6 students ready to commence Yr 7 in 2019!



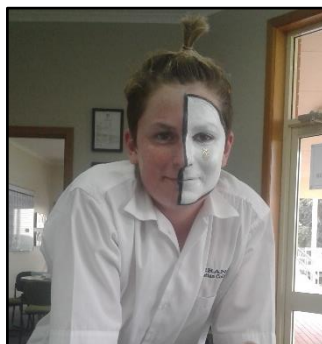
NORTHAVEN VISIT

On Friday, 19th October the Prep, 1 & 2 classes visited Northaven to sing for the residents. Students sang a variety of songs from Chapel along with some favourites including 'Baby Shark'.



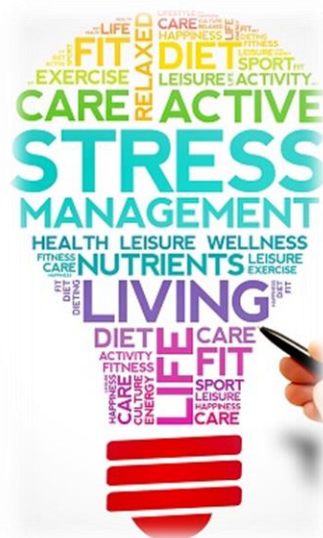
YEAR 7/8 PERFORMING ARTS

The Year 7/8 Performing Arts class have been learning how to apply stage make-up. Students enjoyed doing each other's make-up during class.



YR 12 EXAM TIMETABLE

Date	Subject	Time
Wednesday, 31 st October	English	9am – 12:15pm
Thursday, 1 st November	Psychology	9am – 11:45pm
Friday, 2 nd November	Biology	9am – 11:45am
	Further Maths - Exam 1	2pm – 3:45pm
Monday, 5 th November	Further Maths - Exam 2	9am – 10:45am
	Business Management	3pm – 5:15pm
Wednesday, 7 th November	Maths Methods - Exam 1	9am – 10:15am
	Food Studies	11:45am – 1:30pm
	History Revolutions	3pm – 5:15pm
Thursday, 8 th November	Health & Human Development	11:45am – 2pm
	Maths Methods - Exam 2	3pm – 5:15pm
Friday, 9 th November	Physical Education	11:45am – 2pm
	Accounting	3pm – 5:15pm
Tuesday, 13 th November	Chemistry	9am – 11:45am
Wednesday, 14 th November	Legal Studies	2pm – 4:15pm



YR 11 EXAM TIMETABLE

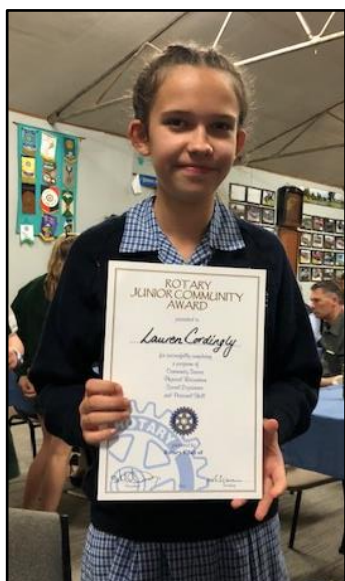
	PERIOD 1 & 2 9:00 – 10:40	RECESS 10:40 – 11:00	PERIOD 3 & 4 11:00 – 12:40	LUNCH 12:40 – 1:30	PERIOD 5 & 6 1:30 – 3:10
MONDAY 12 th NOV	English		Supervised Study		Health & Human Development
TUESDAY 13 th NOV	General Maths		Supervised Study		Chemistry
WEDNESDAY 14 th NOV	Psychology & Food Studies		Supervised Study		Physical Education & Systems Engineering
THURSDAY 15 th NOV	Rescheduled Exams				Rescheduled Exams

YR 7-10 EXAM TIMETABLE

	HOME GROUP 8:50 – 9:00	PERIOD 1 & 2 9:00 – 10:40	PERIOD 3 11:00 – 11:50 PERIOD 4 11:50 – 12:40		PERIOD 5 & 6 1:30 – 3:10
MONDAY 12 th NOV	YEAR 7	English	Supervised Study	Digital Technology	Science
	YEAR 8	English	Supervised Study		Science
	YEAR 9 YEAR 10	English	Supervised Study		Science
TUESDAY 13 th NOV	YEAR 7	Maths	Supervised Study		Humanities
	YEAR 8	Maths	Supervised Study		Humanities
	YEAR 9 YEAR 10	Maths	Supervised Study		Humanities



CONGRATULATIONS



Congratulations Lauren Cordingley for completing the Rotary Junior Leadership Award. Lauren was presented with her certificate on Thursday, 18th October at a Rotary meeting.

Lauren worked hard to complete various tasks from a range of categories such as Community Service, Physical Recreation, Social Experience and Skills in order to achieve this award. Each section focused on different aspects of Leadership and developing Leadership qualities.

Very well done Lauren! You deserve this award and put in a lot of time and effort to achieve it.

Thank you to Karen Davey, who guided Lauren through each section of the award.



FARM VISIT

On Wednesday, 24th October the Year 1/2 class visited 'Gill's' farm as part of their Geography lessons. Students had fun exploring the farm, seeing all the animals and learning first-hand how a farm is run.



VALEDICTORY DINNER

On Tuesday, 23rd October Parents and Staff celebrated the completion of Year 12 with the Year 12 class of 2018. Kerang Christian College would like to congratulate the Year 12 students who have only exams left to complete their secondary schooling. We wish you all the best for exams and as you all begin a new chapter of your lives.



COMMUNITY NOTICES

NORTHAVEN GARDEN PARTY

Northaven Garden Party will be held on Friday, 30th November from 10:30am. Please see the attached flyer for more information.

L2P LEARNER DRIVER MENTOR PROGRAM

Volunteers are being sought for the L2P Learner Driver Mentor Program. If you are interested in helping out a learner driver by mentoring them, please see the attached flyer.



RESPONSIBLE PET OWNERSHIP

Primary students participated in a responsible pet ownership program at school on Wednesday, 24th October. Students learnt what to do if they meet an angry dog while walking down the street (stop, place hands at sides, stay quiet, look down at the ground, then after – back away slowly and quietly and tell an adult) and many helpful tips about owning a pet.



YR 5/6 - CANBERRA

On Monday, 29th October the Yr 5/6 class travelled to Canberra with Son Centre Christian College, to spend the week. The program is set to include visits to Telstra Tower, Parliament House, Government House, Museum of Australian Democracy, National Museum, War Memorial, Mint, Electoral Centre, Botanical Gardens, AIS (Australian Institute of Sport) tour & Sportec Room, Questacon and much more. Below are some photos of the trip so far!



SCHOOL CALENDAR AND REMINDERS

STAFF PROFILE



Name: Mrs Leanne Pryor

What is your role at School?
Office Administrator

What is your favourite food?
Roast

What is your favourite colour?
Pink

What football / sport team do you go for?
Essendon

What is your favourite holiday destination?
Grampians

What is your favourite TV show / movie?
War Room

What family do you have?
I have 6 children, 1 daughter-in-law & 1 daughter-in-law to be. Life is busy!!

Do you have any pets? What are their names?
I have 2 cats, Oreo & Milo.

What do you like to do in your spare time?
Spend time with my family, read or watch a movie.

Term 4 – October

Wed 31st Yr 12 Exams Start

November

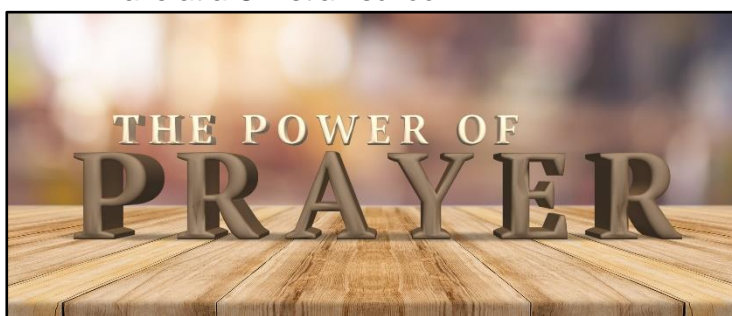
Mon 5th Mid Term Break (No School)
Tues 6th Cup Day (Public Holiday)
Wed 7th Yr 3 / 4 Camp (3 days)
Mon 12th Yr 7 -11 Exams / Assessment Week
Wed 14th Yr 9 Camp (3 days)
Fri 16th Report Writing Day
Mon 19th VCE Orientation Week (2 Weeks)
Tues 27th Prep Orientation Day
Thurs 29th Presentation Evening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

December

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

PRAYER POINTS

- Pray for enrolments for 2019.
- Pray for Staff for 2019.
- Pray for Yr 12 students as they prepare for and sit their exams.
- Pray for the Yr 5/6 Camp in Canberra this week.
- Pray for the Yr 3/4 Camp at Billabong Ranch next week.
- Pray for Yr 7-11 exams as they prepare and commence from Monday 12th November.
- Praise God for a successful Valedictory Dinner.
- Praise God for all the experiences our students have at a Christian school.



COMMUNICATION

Email:

- Year 5/6 Health Letter 24/10

Care Monkey:

- Band Recording Day (Yr 9/10 elective) 17/10

Handout:

- Yr 9 Camp Summit Consent Form 30/10