

# The Harvest

The Newsletter of Kerang Christian College



Integrity, Faith, Family

Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> December 2018

## Dear Parents & Friends,

As the college year draws to a close, it's time to say farewell to some of our staff. Gavin Hicks, Elisabeth Torney and Debbie Bish are all leaving at the end of this year. I would like to publicly thank them for their contributions to this College over their time here and wish them God's richest blessings in whatever they move onto for 2019 and beyond. Mrs Colleen Henderson is taking a leave of absence for 2019.

As we think about the true message of Christmas we remember that the eternal God came to earth in order to save His own creation and reunite humanity with their creator. We remember Jesus, God's son, born in a manger in Bethlehem of Judea. So Christmas itself is really about a big present that God gave the world about 2000 years ago - Jesus! One of the most famous bible verses, John 3:16, says: *'God loved the world so much, that he gave his one and only Son, so that whoever believes in him may not be lost but have eternal life.'* At this Christmas time we celebrate that God our Creator, wants to have a relationship with us and sent Jesus to make it so. Let us reach out to Him in faith and trust. At this season of giving let us take time to slow down and enjoy the simple things. Let us reconnect and enjoy our friends and family. May this wonderful time of the year touch our hearts in a special way.



As I am sure you are aware Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> December 2018 will be the last college day for students, and the college office will close on Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> December. As also mentioned in this newsletter the college office will reopen on Monday, 21<sup>st</sup> January 2019.

May God bless and keep you over this Christmas time and I look forward to seeing you all next year.

Wayne Barker  
(Principal)

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### LAST DAY OF TERM 4

Prep – Year 9 students will finish on Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> December at 3:20pm.

First day of Term 1, 2019 will be Wednesday, 30<sup>th</sup> January.

### OFFICE CLOSURE & HOURS

The College office will close at 4:30pm on Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> December and will re-open at 8:30am on Monday, 21<sup>st</sup> January. Please note that the uniform store will be close on Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> December 2018 and re-open Tuesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2019.

### UNIFORM SHOP HOURS

The uniform shop will be open on the following days and times during the holidays:

Tuesday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> January	9am – 4pm
Wednesday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> January	9am – 4pm
Friday, 25 <sup>th</sup> January	9am – 4pm
Tuesday, 29 <sup>th</sup> January	9am – 4pm

## PRIMARY SWIMMING



Swimming lessons for all Primary students will be on the following dates in Term 1, 2019:

**11, 12, 13, 14, 19, 20 & 21 February, 2019** from 1:30pm – 3pm.

We will need parent helpers for the above days, if you are able to help out please contact the office as soon as possible.

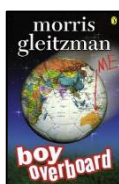
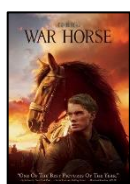
Our whole school swimming carnival will be on **Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> February, 2019.**

## SUMMER READING

Each student is encouraged to read the appropriate English texts over the school holidays. This is a task which will ensure students are well prepared for next year.

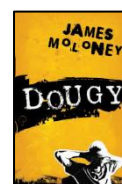
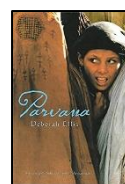
### Yr 7

- Warhorse (Borrow from Library)
- Boy Overboard



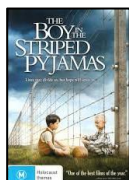
### Yr 8

- Parvana
- Dougy



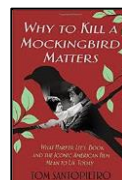
### Yr 9

- The Boy In The Striped Pyjamas



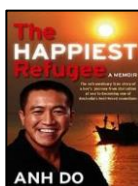
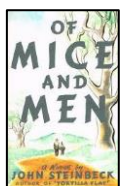
### Yr 10

- To Kill A Mockingbird



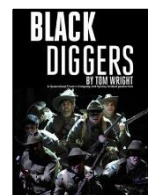
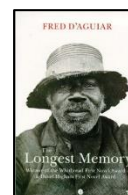
### Yr 11

- Of Mice and Men
- The Happiest Refugee
- This Boy's Life



### Yr 12

- The Golden Age
- The Longest Memory
- Black Diggers



## FAREWELL

The end of the 2018 academic school year brings with it some sadness as we farewell families leaving Kerang Christian College. To our families who are moving, we would like to thank you for the contribution you have made to our school community and pray that you have a smooth transition and keep the connection with Kerang Christian College. At this time of the year, we also say farewell to some staff members who will be leaving Kerang Christian College at the end of the year:



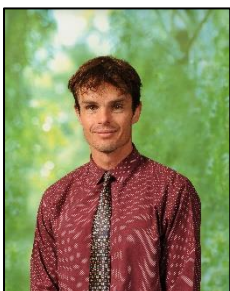
**MS ELISABETH TORNEY**

At the conclusion of Term 4 we will be saying farewell to Ms Elisabeth Torney. Ms Torney has taught VCE Legal Studies and Business Management along with Digital Technology and Recycled Art for Secondary students. We have greatly appreciated her contribution and expertise at the College. We wish to thank Ms Torney for her service to our school community and wish her God's blessings for the future.



**MS DEBBIE BISH**

At the conclusion of 2018 we will be saying farewell to Ms Debbie Bish. Ms Bish has taught Middle School Humanities. We have greatly appreciated her contribution and expertise at the College. We wish to thank Ms Bish for her service to our school community and wish her God's blessings for all her future endeavours.



**MR GAVIN HICKS**

At the end of 2018 we will farewell Mr Gavin Hicks. Mr Hicks has taught English and VCE Psychology. Mr Hicks has also run an elective class for the school magazine this semester. We have greatly appreciated his contribution and expertise at the College. We wish to thank Mr Hicks for his service to our school community and wish him God's blessings for all his future endeavours.

## WELCOME



**MR KONRAD SLACK**

Kerang Christian College welcomes Mr Slack who will be joining us in Term 1, 2019. Mr Slack has a Bachelor of Primary Education, Bachelor of Commerce (Accounting and Information System Management) and a Graduate Diploma of Divinity. His hobbies include reading, movies, computer games, board games and walking.

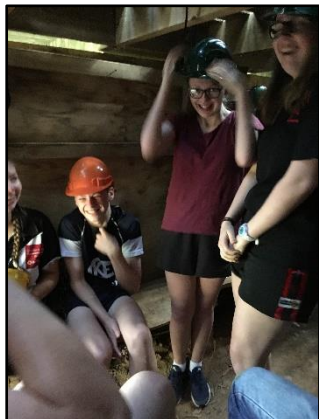


**MRS GENNA PARKER**

Kerang Christian College welcomes Mrs Parker back following maternity leave. Mrs Parker will be teaching part time at the college throughout 2019.

## YEAR 9 CAMP

Year 9 students experienced camp life at 'The Summit' Trafalgar from Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> November to Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> November. Students worked together to achieve various challenges set out for them. The camp was 'survivor' based which required the students to work together as a team in order to complete a number of the challenges. The biggest challenge was the 'mud run' which while exhausting was a favourite.



## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### KERANG FIRE BRIGADE JUNIOR RUNNING TEAM

The Kerang Fire Brigade are looking for junior members to participate in the junior running team. Training is on Wednesday and Friday nights from 6:30pm and is for ages 11 up. If you think you might be interested please see the attached flyer for contact details.

### ST JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH HOLIDAY PROGRAM

St John's Anglican Church will be running a School Holiday program for Primary aged children. The program will be run on 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> January 2pm – 4:30pm. For details please see the attached flyer.

### LIVE LIGHT PAINTING WORKSHOP

Live Light Painting Workshops will be held on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> & Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2019 at the Kerang Memorial Hall from 10am – 4pm. A public performance will be held on Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2019. For further details please see the attached flyer.

### AQUA ISLAND

Aqua Island will be open on the Moama waterfront this summer. Aqua Island is a floating playground which promises fun for all ages. Please see the attached flyer for details or visit their website: [aquaisland.com.au](http://aquaisland.com.au)

## 2019 TERM DATES

School Office Opens	Monday, 21 <sup>st</sup> January	
TERM 1	Start	Wed, 30 <sup>th</sup> January
	Finish	Friday, 5 <sup>th</sup> April
Labour Day (Public Holiday)	Monday, 11 <sup>th</sup> March	
Easter Monday	Monday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	
TERM 2	Start	Tuesday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> April
	Finish	Friday, 28 <sup>th</sup> June
Anzac Day (Public Holiday)	Thursday, 25 <sup>th</sup> April	
Report Writing Day (Pupil Free)	Friday, 7 <sup>th</sup> June	
Queen’s Birthday (Public Holiday)	Monday, 10 <sup>th</sup> June	
TERM 3	Start	Thursday, 18th July
	Finish	Friday, 20 <sup>th</sup> September
TERM 4	Start	Monday, 7 <sup>th</sup> October
	Finish	Tuesday, 10 <sup>th</sup> December
Mid Term Break (Pupil Free)	Monday, 4 <sup>th</sup> November Tuesday, 5 <sup>th</sup> November	
Report Writing Day (Pupil Free)	Friday, 15 <sup>th</sup> November	
Presentation Evening	Thursday, 28 <sup>th</sup> November	

# PRESENTATION NIGHT

## UNIT 3/4 SUBJECT AWARDS



Elizabeth Kopec  
'English'



Mikayla Brinkman  
'Biology, Further  
Mathematics & Health &  
Human Development'



Truman Shipp  
'Food Studies'



Aaron Boal  
'Legal Studies'



## SPORT TEAM OF THE YEAR

Year 7/8 Basketball Team:

Left: Jack Pilgrim & Lachlan Somerville

Full Team Right:  
Jesse Mugambi, Logan Higgs, Jack Pilgrim,  
Lachlan Somerville & Blair Allen



## INDIVIDUAL AWARDS



Luke Slatter &  
Lauren Cordingley  
'Outstanding Sports Person'



Kevin Rich & Emerald Haapakoski  
'Excellence in Performing & Visual Arts'



Lachlan Gill  
'Mallee Excellence Award'

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Truman Shipp & Olivia Ferguson  
'Christian Living Award'



Mikayla Brinkman & John Field  
'Outstanding Academic Achievement'



Katie Brown & Taylor Dunlevey  
'Principal's Award'



Rebekah Frost & Victoria Farrant  
'ADF Long Tan Leadership & Teamwork Award'

## YEAR 6 GRADUATION

Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> December family and friends along with staff and Year 5 students celebrated the Year 6 students graduating from Primary School. Students presented a speech from their seven years in Primary School and were presented with a certificate of graduation and a book. The College's Primary Leaders also cut the Graduation cake in celebration.



## SCHOOL CALENDAR AND REMINDERS

Therefore I tell you,  
whatever you ask for in  
**prayer,**  
**believe**  
that you have received it,  
and it will be yours.  
Mark 11:24

Kerang Christian College wish you all a Merry Christmas. May you experience the peace and love of Christmas this year.

May your holidays be safe and restful.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!  
See you in 2019!

### HERE'S THE IMPACT OF READING 20 MINUTES PER DAY!

A student who reads	A student who reads	A student who reads
20:00	5:00	1:00
minutes per day	minutes per day	minute per day
will be exposed to 1.8 MILLION words per year and scores in 90th PERCENTILE on standardized tests	will be exposed to 282,000 words per year and scores in 50th PERCENTILE on standardized tests	will be exposed to 8,000 words per year and scores in 10th PERCENTILE on standardized tests

SCHOLASTIC

#### Term 4 - December

Fri 7<sup>th</sup> All Students Finish (Last Day - Term 4)

#### Term 1 - January 2019

Mon 21<sup>st</sup> School Office Opens

Wed 30<sup>th</sup> School Starts

#### February

11<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> Primary Swimming (Mon – Thurs)

19<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> Primary Swimming (Tues – Thurs)

Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> Whole School Swimming Carnival

Mon 25<sup>th</sup> Yr 5/6 Camp – Sovereign Hill (3 days)

#### March

Mon 11<sup>th</sup> Labour Day Public Holiday

Wed 13<sup>th</sup> Yr 7 Camp – (3 days)

## PRAYER POINTS

- Praise God for the Yr 9 Camp that was safe and enjoyed by all.
- Praise God for all the experiences our students have at a Christian school.
- Pray for enrolments for 2019.
- Pray for Staff for 2019.
- Pray for a safe and restful holiday.



## SECOND HAND ITEMS

Parents of Kerang Christian College have set up a Facebook page for second hand uniforms and books. Parents of Kerang Christian College are invited to join the closed page. Please follow the link below to join:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/793342607685631/>

#### Please Note:

"This is a private group set up by parents of Kerang Christian College to sell second hand books and uniforms. Kerang Christian College is not involved in the administration of this group nor is it liable for any transactions."