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Important Dates for Term 4 2012

December		
11th	Tuesday	Year 6 into Year 7 Orientation Day
13th – 18th	Thursday – Tuesday	Year 7 – 9 End of Year Activities Program
19th	Wednesday	Presentation Award Evening
20th	Thursday	Last Day of Term 4

Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Guardians

From 17 to 25 November, I was accompanied on a trip to China by David Wilson (Business Manager), Kylie Williams and Kate Barfoot (Teachers) for the following purposes:

1. To prepare for the Cultural Visit to be undertaken by our students in March 2013. This involved checking accommodation and meals for the Shanghai section of the trip as well as a number of sites to be visited like the Oyster Pearl Tower, the Bund and Yuyuan Gardens.

2. To meet with representatives of the Shinyway International Educational agency in Hangzhou and Taizhou (both in Zhejiang Province) in order to express interest in working with them in offering Kambrya College as a destination for Chinese students wishing to study the VCE. This would enrich the college culturally and assist us in the a financial sense. These visits were very positive and we hope, productive.

3. To visit Xianju Anzhou Middle School and sign formal agreements regarding our sister school relationship and other regarding Cultural Visits for students and teacher exchanges. Indeed we were given an amazing, warm welcome. All agreements were signed and we were able to become more familiar with the school of 2600 students and the town of Xianju (400,000).

4. To see off our first teachers, Kylie Williams and Kate Barfoot in the teacher exchange program. These teachers will work at the Chinese school for one month as English teachers. It is a wonderful

opportunity for them in their professional development and also great to embed a vibrant and long term relationship between our two schools.

5. To visit the Australian Government Austrade office in Shanghai. We have been provided with tremendous assistance by these trade officials who are greatly impressed by the speed and breadth of the relationship we are developing. It was a very 'full on' itinerary but a terrific and successful trip.

On Thursday 22 November, Nalini Naidu had the pleasure of visiting Emerald Primary School as a representative of Kambrya College and a guest of Laura Smythe, Federal Minister for Latrobe. Emerald Primary is a delightful school located in the Dandenong Ranges. The school is very environmentally friendly. It has a new fully functioning Environmental Learning Centre that focuses on sustainability with a view to students reducing their environmental footprint. It was encouraging to see students engaged in recycling and being environmentally aware.

On this day, Emerald Primary school celebrated receiving a volunteer's grant, installing solar panels, the Senior Learning Centre and the developing relationship with their Chinese sister school. To celebrate these important events, they invited the Minister for Education Peter Garrett and Federal Minister for Latrobe Laura Smythe, parents and other guests to visit the new facilities. Grade 6 students Liam and Taylah conducted a tour through the Senior Learning Centre and highlighted the features of the building and the new amphitheatre. They marked the momentous occasion with a tree planting ceremony in honour of their Chinese sister school.

The Minister addressed the school community about the National School Improvement Plan and provided an update on some of the education reforms. Nalini had the opportunity of having a short conversation with the Minister regarding the situation at Kambrya College. The Minister was aware of the impact of the funding cuts and stated that the government was attempting to address these issues.

The morning ended with the Minister and the school leaders planting a tree followed by a lovely morning tea.

Michael Muscat
Principal

LIBRARY News

VCE BOOKLIST 2013

Parents of students in VCE - please note that on the booklist for 2013 Physical Education 1&2 and 3&4, Biology 1&2 and 3&4, Information Technology 3&4 and Chemistry 3&4 are "New Editions for 2013". They are essentially exactly the same as the 2012 books the only difference is that with the new editions students can access a copy of the book online and not with a CD as in previous editions. We are advising parents of this so you will be able to purchase 2012 second hand books from students in year 11 and 12, or sell copies of these books and not be concerned that they are not the correct book.

Please note that Maths, English, Legal Studies and Systems Engineering 1-4 (that have "New Edition for 2013") do have changes and so cannot be purchased second hand.

LATER YEARS News

The year 11 class for next year have made a great start to their VCE/VCAL pathway. For the past two weeks students have been dutifully coming to terms with the added responsibility that is inherent in being a later years student. Staff have been particularly impressed with how year 11 students have conducted themselves in their classes. We hope this approach continues for the remainder of commencement and into next year. The final day of commencement for Year 11 is Friday 7th November.

Students (and parents) are reminded they will sit a validation test for each of their subjects early next year. These tests will be reviewing what has been learnt during the commencement period and over the holidays. These tests will ensure each student is demonstrating commitment and readiness for the rigours to come. Students are encouraged to make the most of the remaining time in commencement and to ensure all holiday homework is completed in preparation for 2013 to begin in earnest. The opportunities for students in the next few years are greatly influenced by the mindset each student brings to their respective studies.

STUDENT CONNECTEDNESS News

Epic End of Year Activities Information sheet

Dear parents and students,

The very exciting End of Year Activity Program, operating from the 13th to the 18th of December, commences tomorrow! Here is a quick reminder of what is happening:

Thursday 13th	Friday 14th	Monday 17th	Tuesday 18th
Ice Skating **Meet at Berwick Train Station**	Bowling	MSAC	Sidetracked
Fountain Gate Movies	Luna Park	Aquarium **Meet at Berwick Train Station**	Movie Making at School
Gingerbread House	Gingerbread House	Craft at school	School Based Activities
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Wednesday 19th Set up for Kambrya Presentation night.			
Thursday 20th School Clean Up.			

Students have already signed up for each activity and should be aware of what they have chosen. Please take a moment to read the additional information for each activity that has been attached.

Regards,

Laura Wilson
End of Year Activities Coordinator

Epic End of Year Activities 2012
Please find below a short description of some of the activities running during the week.

Luna Park www.lunapark.com.au

Sports uniform

Students will travel to and from Luna Park via bus and on arrival will have unlimited access to 10 of the parks amazing attractions. There will be food and drinks available for sale; however students are advised to bring their own lunch to maximize time for activities. Please note that students with any broken limbs will not be allowed to attend. Students will be dismissed at 3.25pm from the hard courts at school.

Ice Skating @ Icehouse Docklands www.icehouse.com.au

Sports uniform. Wear long socks to avoid blisters!

Students will meet at Berwick station at 8.50am and travel by train into the Docklands. After a quick look at the shops and a bite to eat students will participate in a 2 hour Ice Skating session. This will involve a 30 minute lesson and activity session and the remaining time for free skating. After the session is complete we will travel back to Berwick via the train and students will be dismissed from the Berwick train station at approximately 3.30pm.

*Unfortunately, due to the roll out of the **MYKI cards** we are unable to pre book tickets for the students to travel on the Metro Trains. As a result of this your son / daughter will require a myki card topped up with **Daily child myki pass for Zones 1-2.***

See attached MYKI information sheet for more information.

Movies @ Fountain Gate

Sports uniform/Full school uniform

Students will meet at School and then travel to Fountain Gate Shopping Centre via bus. After watching the movie and the option of purchasing lunch, students will return to school. Please note students will have up to an hour of unsupervised time for Christmas shopping, staff will be located strategically around the shopping centre. Students will be made aware of staffing locations should they require them. The choice of movie will be decided the week prior and students will be advised before the day. Bags are to be left at school in lockers.

Go Karting & Laser Force @ Sidetracked www.sidetracked.com.au

Sports uniform

Wow!!! An amazing opportunity to participate in the most popular activity from 2011's program!!! Go karting will be on a large indoor track; on carts that have the option to increase speed if students prove capable. Students can then take on their friends in a few action packed rounds of Lazer Force! Students will be travelling by bus and dismissed at 3.25pm from the hard courts at school.

Gingerbread House Making @ School

Sports uniform/Full school uniform

Amaze your friends and family on Christmas Day with your very own, handmade gingerbread house!!! Students will create their master pieces from scratch and decorate them with lollies. To make their gingerbread houses unique, students are encouraged to also bring anything special to decorate!

Tour @ Melbourne Aquarium www.melbourneaquarium.com.au

Sports uniform/Full school uniform

The amazing and interesting underwater world!! Students will check out an array of underwater creatures...from white-spotted eagle rays and grey nurse sharks to king penguins and big-bellied sea horses. Everything weird and wonderful about marine life will be discovered! After their session students will have lunch at Melbourne's Federation Square. Students will meet at Berwick train station at 8.50. At approximately 3.30, students will be dismissed from Berwick train station.

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Bowling @ Oz Ten Pin www.oztenpin.com.au/nw.htm

Sports uniform

Strike...spare!! Students will have the opportunity to exhibit their bowling skills during two games of ten pin. Please note that students must wear runners (runners must NOT have black soles). Afterward students will be taken to Wilson Botanical Gardens to eat lunch and for some more fun and games. In the event of poor weather, students will return to school and join in the school-based activities. Students will be driven via bus and will be dismissed at 3.25 from the hard courts.

WipeOUT @ the Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre (MSAC) www.msac.com.au

Sports uniform

Students will take to the water in a closely supervised session which includes wiping out in the wave pool, riding the slide and wrestling the inflatable. Each student should ensure that they bring bathers, a towel, thongs (to wear poolside only if necessary) and a plastic bag for any wet items. There will be an opportunity

to change at the venue and eat lunch at Albert Park. Students will be travelling by bus and will need to ensure that they are in full PE uniform during this time. Students will be dismissed at 3.25 from the hard courts.

Movie Making @ School Sports uniform/Full school uniform

Ever wanted to be a movie-star, director, camera operator, script writer or costume designer?We will set ourselves the challenge of scripting, filming and editing a movie within a single day. As a group we will work together to create one movie, which will develop everyone's skills and creativity. Each member of the group will receive a DVD copy of the movie. Bring as many different costumes and/or props as you like. We will come up with the idea on the day, so it would be good to have a variety of items to spur our creativity.

Craft @ School Sports uniform/Full school uniform

For all those creative minded people who love to make things this is the activity for you! Students will be provided with materials to make cards, jewellery, decorations, the possibilities are endless!!!

Activities @ school Sports uniform

Students at school will participate in a range of activities which may include and are not limited to:

* Theatre sports
* Computer games
* Wii game challenges
* Board games
* Sports activities
* Weights Room (Year 9 only)
* Wood Work
* Local walks
* Amazing Race Challenge
* Movies
* Minute to Win It
* Scavenger Hunt

….. and super cool lunch adventures!!!!!!!

MYKI cards

Due to the phasing out of Metcards – All students are required to have a MYKI card in order to attend the following End of Year Activities:

- Ice Skating @ Docklands
- Tour @ Melbourne Aquarium

Buying a MYKI is simple. Students can purchase a MYKI at:

- Berwick station
- Narre Warren station

They can also be purchased at:

- Berwick Milk Bar,
- Parkhill Lotto,
- 7 Eleven Narre Warren,
- Fountain Gate Newsagency,
- The News Fountain Gate,
- Or online at www.myki.com.au

Cost of MYKI:

- Full fee - $6
- Concession/child - $3

When you purchase a MYKI it has no value on it so needs to be topped up before you travel. Top ups available at:

- MYKI machines at Metro stations
- All other locations where you purchase MYKI
- Online www.myki.com.au (this takes at least 24 hours to take effect)

BLUE LIGHT DISCO

BERWICK LEISURE CENTRE MANUKA ROAD BERWICK
SATURDAY DECEMBER 1ST
FOR ALL STUDENTS IN YEARS 4, 5, 6, 7 & 8 ONLY
TIMES: 6.30 – 10PM
COST $10.00
ALL ENQUIRIES TO NARRE WARREN POLICE STATION 9705 3111.

For more information, visit
www.melbournestarts.com.au **or** **www.casey.vic.gov.au**

What's your true North?

Finding your direction isn't always easy...

A year ago, seventeen year-old Michelle was shy and timid, scared of the future and lacking passion for life. She didn't know where it would take her, and to be honest, didn't really care. She'd had enough.

OUTWARD BOUND
Inspiring Australians

Sound familiar? The end of school is exciting, but it's also a confusing and challenging time. Like many of you now, Michelle wasn't sure where she was going in life.

Today, it's a different story for Michelle; she knows what she wants and knows how to go get it. The world is her Oyster.

How'd she do it? She attended a 12-day Outward Bound Youth Navigator Course in her school holidays, where she learnt about her strengths, her weaknesses and spent some quality time with herself to find out what motivates her – while having the adventure of a lifetime!

Outward Bound Australia offers inspiring wilderness-based courses during the school holidays for students who are seeking adventure and want to discover and develop their potential. Not only will you get the chance to climb, abseil, navigate, paddle and camp, you'll make new friends and spend some quality time with the most important person in your life – you!

Just as Michelle experienced, an Outward Bound course will help you learn things about yourself and others that can't be taught in a classroom.

"It was an opportunity to search far beyond myself and discover a whole new side of me," said Michelle. "The course has guided me on what way to go from now, how to lead my life and how to lead as a role model. Thanks Outward Bound, for showing me to aim high, have mystery, keep it real and realise we're meant to stretch our comfort zone, beyond the harbours and sail the oceans."

Outward Bound is now taking enrolments for the January Snowy River Navigator – but hurry, places are filling up fast!

Youth Navigator:

12 days in VIC's Snowy River National Park for students aged **15-17**, held in the **Jan school holidays**

$1,875
(all inclusive)

www.outwardbound.org.au

Free call: 1800 267 999
Email: mailbox@outwardbound.org.au

2012 CASEY DEMONS CHRISTMAS PARTY

Monday 17 December, 4 pm–6.30 pm

- Watch training and meet the players
- Meet mascots Chuck and Checker
- Visit from Santa Claus with lots of gifts
- **Free** showbags and activities
- **Free** face painting
- Sausage sizzle
- 2013 memberships and merchandise

Casey Fields, Berwick–Cranbourne Rd
Cranbourne. Melways Ref 134 E7

Everyone Welcome– Free Entry!

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