KAMBRYA COLLEGE

Kambrya News

Weekly News Term 3, Week 10 2018

Principal's Message

Dear students, parents, guardians and community members,

It is hard to believe that we have only one term to go! The year has flown!

Our Year 11 Intermediate VCAL students pulled off a successful carnival this week, which saw hundreds of students partaking in a range of activities and stalls to raise funds to support the '4Cs' charity, who assist the homeless in Melbourne. On a personal note, I was ecstatic to take out the fastest donut eating competition (with a modest time of 8 seconds!), and I also joined some colleagues in allowing students the privilege of purchasing a wet sponge or shaving cream pie to throw at us! A rare thing indeed, but all for a good cause! And some fun too! Well done to all the students for the preparation of a fun event, and thanks to all those students who gave some coins for a good cause.

Last Friday our amazing music team hosted a Studio Concert in the theatre. This event saw students of any level and ability have the chance to perform in front of a live audience. For some of these students, this was the first time they've ever performed live. It was a fantastic event, with over 50 performances across the evening, and was well attended by parents. This is a prelude to the major ensemble concert that we will host later in the year. Well done to all of the music students, and a particular thanks to the music team, headed up by Mr Adrian Violi and Mr Alex Harding.

You may recall that earlier this year I highlighted the achievements of Mitchell Walden, one of our Year 12 students, who hiked to the base of Mt Everest with his mother, Jenni, as a pilgrimage in honour of a close friend who suffered mental health challenges. I am pleased to report that Mitchell has since gone on to become an avid spokesperson for mental health in the community, speaking at many events, and was recently invited by the Mayor and Councillors of the City of Casey to attend the Mayoral Mental Health Summit. Good on you Mitchell!

Our Year 8 Tasmania camp headed off on Monday for their big adventure. By all accounts they have had a fantastic experience. Looking forward to seeing some photos and hearing some stories when they return on Friday!

Congratulations to William Renshaw from W8A who recently featured in the Victorian Scout Magazine. William is a member of the 1st Berwick Scouts, and was acknowledged for his volunteer work with 'The Long Walk' , a charity event created by former AFL great Michael Long, to support indigenous affairs. Great job William!

We have been very busy getting things ready for 2019, and I am pleased to report that we are right on track with our planning and timetabling. With a commencement program like ours in place, we have to be more organised than most schools! On this note, I would like to thank all of our fabulous teachers and education support staff for another term of hard work. Your combined efforts continue to improve our great school, and I can't thank you enough.

Key Dates

2018

All School Calendar dates now appear on Compass - we strongly encourage all parents to check for upcoming events through Compass, click on the Calendar Tab, then Public Whole School Calendar, you are able to view details in Week or Month format

Friday 21st September
Last day Term 3
2.30pm Dismissal

Monday 8th October
First day Term 4

Wednesday 24th October
Year 12 Activities Day

Thursday 25th October
Evening of Excellence

Monday 29th October - Thursday 8th November
Exam period for all year levels - check Compass Calendar for exact dates
Note: VCAA Exams (Year 12 students run on a different timetable)

Monday 12th November
Staff PD Day - STUDENT FREE DAY

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Our new building is very nearly complete. Unfortunately the construction fell a little behind due to some poor weather, but we are on track to have possession by the end of the holidays. The Year 12 VCE students will be the first to christen the building when they complete their examinations in October and November, whilst the Year 12 VCAL students will complete their end of year graduation/job interviews in the building.

In regards to other capital works, our back oval redevelopment is going to commence phase two during term four, and this will see the new playing surface receive it's final top dressing and seeding. Once this is done, it will still need to rest for several months, and we should have it operational for school and community use in the back half of 2019. To prepare for this, we are also compelled to remove the remaining cypress trees at the back of the school; our recent arborist report concluded that they are just too unsafe to retain. It is a little sad, as they are the last remaining symbol of the rural paddocks that the college grounds once were! Over these holidays we are also commencing our work on the Athlete Development Program centre, and we aim to have this up and operational for the start of 2019 school year.

To our Year 12 students who are heading into their final school holiday; you are nearly there! Keep your heads down and keep working hard until the end!

Have a great holiday!

Kind Regards

Keith Perry
Principal

Admin News

Notify the school of your child's absence

Protecting the safety and well-being of children through the reporting and monitoring of absenteeism is the responsibility of both parents/carers and schools.

Please remember to call the school on ***9707 7609*** student absences or log onto Compass to record your child absences using our school's IT platform https://kambryacollege-vic.compass.education
early in the morning, preferably by 9am if your child is going to be away or late for school so your child's absence can be recorded correctly.

For further information on the processes and procedures our school uses to record, monitor and follow-up student attendance and absence please read our Attendance Policy http://www.kambryacollege.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/Attendance-Policy.pdf

Unexplained absences – SMS text message now contains a One-TimeLink which you can now use to approve your child's absence for the day.

Year 10 & 11 Finding Balance Day

On Wednesday September 19th Year 10 and 11 students headed down the Peninsula to take on an obstacle course. Working in teams they climbed up, over, under and through various challenges under the dutiful eye of Ms Lucks VET Sport & Rec class. After working up an appetite they headed to Mornington to grab some lunch and feel the sea breeze. Well done to everyone who came along to try something new.

Project Rockit

On Wednesday, our Year 8 and 9 students participated in an incursion that looked at cyber safety and responsible use of social media. Project Rockit aims at providing students with the skills to understand the issues that social media can cause and how to best handle them. Our students were engaged in workshops that looked at sharing personal information, sharing of pictures and strategies to deal with issues over social media. The program also saw our students discuss issues such as gender sterotypes, gender and how social media can exacerbates these sterotypes.

Overall, our Year 8 and 9 students had a very insightful day and were thoroughly engaged with the program. All the feedback received was quite positive and many students felt the program was beneficial and challenged their thoughts on the acceptable use of social media.

Sport News

On Thursday the 6th of September Kambrya competed in division athletics. The weather turned out great and there were many positive outcomes.

Congratulations to all students who won their event and therefore made it through to the Regional Championships in October: Georgia-May Agnello, Harrison Browning, Marina Cormack, Andrew Gergis, Lara Gerrish, Brandon Hawley, Tyler Hocking, Zander Jelly, Kaylan Locke, Lanie Maclean, Vanessa Qumivutia and Damien Vong.

Mr Shannon Roscoe
Sport & Carnival Coordinator

On the 18th of September, Intermediate VCAL students hosted a carnival day to raise money 4C'S, which is an organization that supports people in need, by providing food, shelter and resources. The students put together a wide variety of stalls and activities to raise money accordingly. Stalls included a sausage sizzle, pie and sponge throwing, baked goods, photo booth, pizza stall and donut eating contest. Overall, the carnival was a success, and students and teachers having a blast. The highlights include the Principal (Mr Perry) having shaving cream thrown at his face, Joanne having soaking sponges thrown at her by some year 7 students, and many students and staff enjoying a good old snags on the barbie! The atmosphere was quite vibrant and lively, and the VCAL Intermediate cohort are quite happy to have contributed to Kambrya's list of beautiful memories.

September 2018

E.T Crew newsletter issue 3 2018

Please refer to our college webpage www.kambrya.com/sustainability/ for the full version of our newsletter

Welcome to the third ET newsletter for 2018

The ET crew have been working hard for the past year, in hopes of encouraging sustainability as well as reaching our 2nd star. Come along to our meetings, which are posted on Compass beforehand. They are held every month in B4. We would like to share with you our goals and our pathways, our adventures, as well as give you an update on what we've been doing.

In this issue:

What we are working on

Our goals and our path to achieving them

Nossal High School summit

What we are working on

The sustainability crew are hoping to empower more of the Kambrya community to be environment friendly. We are doing this by hosting events such as competitions and nude food day. Warin have started a compost pile, which if successful, will be rolled out across the school. While the morning homegroup clean-ups aren't directly linked to the sustainability crew, it has been successful so far. As mentioned in previous issues, we are aiming to get a sustainability star each year. At this point, we are past halfway to getting our second star! Once again, we thank those who have contributed something to help the environment, whether it may be fully participating in the homegroup clean-ups, changing your choices or even proposing environment related ideas.

Our goals for the remainder of the year

Our goals are to achieve the second star and to spread community awareness. Most homegroups have been actively participating in the morning quizzes and we congratulate all

winners. Over this year, we have hosted numerous competitions/events and the most current one is Nude Food day.

~ Nossal Environmental Summit 2018 ~

By Emma Pen and Anjali Singh

In Term 2, the Environmental Team of Kambrya College had the great opportunity to attend a workshop with CERES, an organisation that works with over 300 schools regarding sustainability. The report from that day is featured in the previous newsletter.

This Term, we received great pleasure to participate in an Environmental Summit ran by Nossal High School. Instead of having one keynote speaker like previous years, there was an amazing discussion panel featuring **Keith Allilomou**, Projects Leader in Downer Group - Reconomy Division; **Jane Burns**, Outreach Manager for CERES; **Sue Mason** and **Mandy Robertson**, Dolphin Research Institute Research Directors.

WHAT WAS DISCUSSED?

There were questions directed to the panel such as "How do you encounter sustainability in your work?", "What are the biggest challenges you face?", and "How could schools incorporate sustainability into teaching?" Having all three panels from different backgrounds, we have acquired a lot of interesting and relevant information, which we as Kambrya's Environmental Team, will try to implement possible improvement to promote our sustainability.

WHAT DID WE LEARNT AND WILL IMPLEMENT?

There were suggested ideas of having several **bins** labelled differently according to its category such as recycles, composting, general wastes, and landfill wastes.

- **For this, Kambrya is working on installing new bins around the school area with clear labels and instructions. This will ideally commence in Term 4, 2018.**

Solar panels—another major topic and an incredible idea. Australia has the most access to solar energy, so why not use it to our advantage?

- **We are hoping to have solar panels in our school as a renewable energy source, which can reduce the usage of electricity.**

The three panellists, some of Kambrya's ET Crew and Mr. Leo Stauber at the Nossal Summit 2018

L-R

Keith Allilomou (Downer Group), Jane Burns (CERES), Emma P, Mandy Robertson (Dolphin Research institute), Sancha F, Anjali S, Mr Leo Stauber, Lachlan B, Riley P, Aryan S

"Green Today,

Greener Tomorrow"

- **- Our Motto**
- *Come along to our meetings & join the ET Crew!*

Sincerely, ET Crew

- *Psst while you're here, check out our websites at http://www.kambryacollege.com/sustainability/*

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  https://sustainability.ceres.org.au/groups/kambrya-secondary-college/

Community News