KAMBRYA COLLEGE

Kambrya News

Weekly News Term 2, Week 3 2019

Principal's Message

Dear students, parents, guardians and community members,

My apologies that we missed our weekly news last week.

It has been a big two weeks at the College, with many fantastic events and achievements.

Our Year 9 GIRLs program went out on their Personal Development camp to Ballarat this week, and by all accounts it was an amazing experience.

Well done to Noah Cerros from B8B who performed *The Last Post* on his trumpet at Berwick Fields Primary School's ANZAC day ceremony. I received an email from Principal Amanda Ellaby commending Noah on his amazing rendition.

Well done to Joshua Sullivan of B7C who recently competed in the National Little Athletics Championships as a representative in the Victorian team. Amongst many achievements, he not only won gold in the Triple Jump and became the National Champion, he was also recognised for his leadership and was selected to be the team leaders of the squad! Congratulations Joshua!

Our Building and Construction class continue to do some amazing work around the school as a part of their learning program. They are currently designing and constructing a large set of stairs in our later years courtyard. It is a particularly tricky location that required some careful planning, and it is now coming together! Thank you to the fantastic students in this class for working well together, under the leadership of Mr Mark McQueen and Mr Max Hardie. Looking forward to seeing the finished product!

I'm pleased to announce that the College has recently been awarded it's second star accreditation for sustainability through the CERES sustainable schools program. This is no small achievement, and is thanks to the great passion and work of the Sustainability Committee of the SRC, under the guidance of Mr Leo Stauber. Well done to all involved!

Our annual Student Attitudes to School surveys are currently underway. These surveys are completed by all students in the school, and provide us with priceless insight into student perceptions about many different aspects of the College. Upon receipt of the survey data, we will then be engaging our student leaders from across the college, as well as our staff and the parents on school council, to unpack the data further to plan for improvements, and to also celebrate improvements.

NAPLAN tests for Literacy and Numeracy will be facilitated next week for all Year 7 and Year 9 students. As always, my message is this. NAPLAN is not a pass or fail exercise. It is not the measure of your child's worth. It is, however, a useful tool for students, staff and parents to gauge many things. It should be viewed as an opportunity for children to demonstrate their level of **growth.** It is not all about the standardised rankings against other students. By comparing past and current results of individual students, teachers are able to better differentiate their teaching to cater for students needs. On a bigger scale, by comparing cohort results in terms of both growth and absolute scores, we are able to more effectively measure the impacts of our programs and pedagogy. It is with this in mind that I ask all parents to encourage their children to engage with NAPLAN seriously, and to approach it with a growth mindset.

Key Dates

2019

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

Saturday 11th May
Year 7 2020 SEAL exam

Tuesday 14th - Thursday 16th May
Year 7 and Year 9 NAPLAN testing

Monday 27th - Thursday 30th May
Whole School Semester 1 Exams

Friday 31st May
Report Writing Day
STUDENT FREE day

Friday 31st May
School Tour

Monday 3rd June
Semester Two Classes begin

Monday 10th June
Queen's Birthday PUBLIC Holiday

Wednesday 12th - Friday 14th June
Year 11 Camp

Tuesday 18th June
Athletics Day

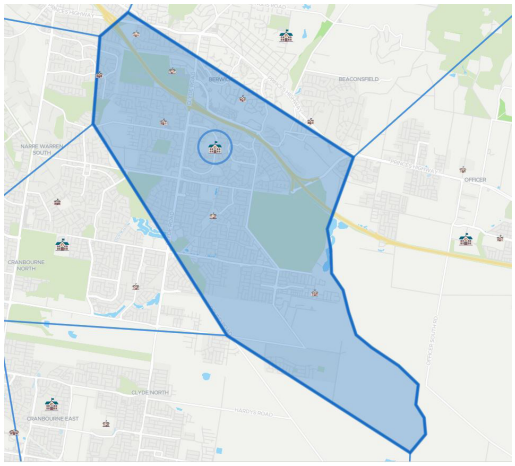
Friday 28th June
Last Day of Term 2
2.30pm Dismissal

Our teachers continue to work hard in our efforts to improve our instructional practice. Recently, our teachers have all completed a series of three workshops centred around *High Impact Teaching Strategies.* Specifically, this has included *Feedback, Differentiation, Setting Goals (student agency)*, and *Lesson Structures*. Underpinning our approach has been the firm commitment that all teachers, no matter what level of experience, are in a cycle of continuous reflection about our practice, and the adoption of an open to learning mindset. Thanks to all of our teachers for engaging proactively, and to the key presenters for their efforts; Ms Poly Tzimourtas, Ms Maddy Muscat, Ms Charlotte Davison, Mrs Kate Bevis, Mrs Kelly Kinsella, Mr Brett Wilson, Mr Martin McDonald and Mr Pip Edwards.

We are continuing to bound ahead with our facilities and grounds improvement plan, in order to create better recreational and learning spaces for our students. There are many improvements underway, and our current focus is on improving seating and shelter. Later this year we'll include a full montage of before and after photos for you all! Our car park is nearing completion, and pending wet weather, should be completed in about one week.

Many of you will have heard by now that the Department of Education has reviewed school zones across the state of Victoria, and has launched a new website that provides clarity around the zone borders for all schools. (www.findmyschool.vic.gov.au). I encourage all parents to go to the website and enter your address into the portal, as it will give you a direct indication of where you sit within our new borders. You will note that Kambrya College's zone has changed for 2020 and beyond, but this does not impact upon any currently enrolled students. Our existing zone is still in effect until the end of 2019. As I have communicated in previous months, the College is currently in a period of exponential growth, and we are expecting further growth in the future. For 2020, I am advising all parents that it is **highly unlikely** that we will be taking students from outside our zone, unless they already have a sibling who will **continue to be enrolled here next year.** Further information about school zoning is available on our website. I've also provided a hard copy of the map in this newsletter.

Another reminder for all parents to please ensure that you do not double park on Bemersyde Drive. It is exceptionally dangerous and is jeopardising the safety of our students, as well as increasing congestion. I encourage all parents to please consider pick/drop off in other streets around the school instead; a short walk to school is not a bad thing! Students do not need to be dropped off or picked up at the front gate. Thank you for your consideration.



To all the mums out there, I wish you a lovely day this Sunday.

Wishing all a great weekend.

Kind regards,

Keith Perry
Principal

See our school zone online

The Department has released a new website that helps parents identify their local public school online.

Findmyschool.vic.gov.au launched on 24 April and shows every school zone across the state. The new website highlights the choice of public schools available to the Victorian community.

If your child is preparing to enter Year 7 and want to know more about the public secondary school options in our area, or you know someone who is interested in enrolling at our school, try findmyschool.vic.gov.au today

If you have a question about the website, contact the Victorian School building Authority Hotline on 1800 896 950 or email vsba@edumail.vic.gov.au

Student Attitudes to School Survey News

WE WANT OUR STUDENTS TO TELL US WHAT THEY THINK!

At Kambrya College, we value student voice as a means to improving student engagement, wellbeing and quality instruction. Between the dates- Monday 6th May to Friday 7 June, we are conducting a survey to find out what your child thinks of our school.

The student ***Attitudes to School Survey*** (AtSS) is an annual student survey offered by the Department of Education and Training to assist schools in gaining an understanding of students' perceptions and experience of school. Kambrya College will use the survey results to plan programs and activities to improve your child's schooling experience.

Students across Yr.7-12 at our school will participate in the survey. Your child will complete the survey online during school hours using a secure online survey tool. It is important to note that we are not in any way "testing" your child.

Your child will be provided with a unique login to complete the survey. All responses to the survey are kept anonymous and confidential. Personal identification data will not be recorded in the survey response file.

The survey results will be reported back to the school before the end of Term 2. All survey data that is made available in reports are for groups of students only so that no individual student can be identified.

Survey results will be communicated to parents through the College Report.

First Aid News

YEAR 10 MENINGOCOCCAL W IMMUNISATION

Year 10's received their meningococcal W immunisations yesterday. Well done to all students on your cooperation, and wonderful behaviour for the day yesterday! It was pleasing to have such maturity on what can be a very stressful day.

If your child was absent yesterday, or you had not yet returned a consent card to receive the immunisation, you have the following two options:

1. There is still an opportunity to receive the meningococcal W immunisation at school on Friday 30th August. This will be done alongside the Year 7 immunisations. If you would like your child to receive their immunisation on this day, please ensure the consent card has been signed and returned to school, and inform Nicole Topp in First Aid that your child will be having this done on the 30th August.
2. See your family GP to have the immunisation done.

ARTs Department News

Victorian State School Spectacular

Due to Kambrya College's ongoing passion for the Arts, a selection of students have been chosen to participate in the annual, televised Victorian State School Spectacular performance in September. Over the course of the past couple of months, these students have been participating in weekly rehearsals, held in the theatre to practice the routines, making friendships along the way. The team have already taken part in two mass rehearsal excursions, combined with other schools, where they learnt parts of the 8 routines that are required on the performance day. The weekly rehearsals that Kambrya's dance teacher Miss Mackus has held have given the students an opportunity to remember the routines, with the help of other students who have memorised different sections. The Victorian State School Spectacular will be held at Melbourne Arena on the 14th September, where we will be performing in a group of approximately 2500 students! Ticket details coming soon.

Phoebe White, Dance Captain

THE VICTORIAN STATE SCHOOLS SPECTACULAR 2019 MADE OF STARS

Miss Leya Mackus
HOD Arts

Music Department News

ANZAC CEREMONY MUSICAL PERFORMANCES

In the first week back of term, the music department was straight back to work lining up students who were able and willing to help commemorate *ANZAC* day through performances at ceremonies at both the Kambrya College whole school assembly as well as being invited to participate in a ceremony for local primary school Berwick Fields.

I am so proud of the professionalism, commitment and selflessness the chosen students showed and the respectfulness they subsequently ensued on their audiences during the Anzac ceremonies. Congratulations goes Heath Taylor (Yr 11) who performed *The Last Post* and the *Reveille* in front of the whole school at our assembly providing a sense of humility to all who listened. Olivia Brown (Yr 11) sung a wonderful rendition of *Advance Australia Fair* whilst Denise and Evaine Falelogi (Yr 12 and Yr 11 respectively) sung the New Zealand National Anthem to our students; both performances really bringing home the Anzac spirit. All singers were beautifully accompanied by year 12 student Suah Bae on piano. All students performed with extreme poise and focus. Overall, the assembly was a wonderful way to pay respects to our fallen and returned heroes. Lest we forget.

Noah Cerros of year 8 was also invited to perform *The Last Post* and the *Reveille* off-campus at Berwick Fields Primary School at their whole school assembly. He should also be congratulated for representing the college so wonderfully. Everyone who listened to the warm tone from Noah's trumpet reverberating in the hall felt a sense of reverence and some very positive feedback from Berwick Fields Principal Amanda Ellaby echoed this.

Overall, these students have done a great service for the school and as mentioned, I am very proud of them. Not only did they perform professionally, they did so with grace and short notice! I'd like to extend my thanks to them. Well done to all students involved.

Mr Adrian Violi
Director of Music

HPE News

We are excited to be taking part in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program.

You can help our school by collecting Woolworths Earn & Learn Points. Just collect Woolworths Earn & Learn Points when you shop at Woolworths between Wednesday 1st May and Tuesday 25th June 2019. We will redeem these for awesome educational resources for our school. Simply pop them onto a Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheet and once it is completed, just bring it back to school.

The more we collect, the more we can redeem. There are thousands of products available through the Woolworths Earn & Learn program, and we would like to get lots of new gear! Products in the range include resources for mathematics, English, science, art & crafts, through to sports gear, library supplies and more.

We are grateful for your support and look forward to a successful program. If you have any questions, please ask the front office

Fundraising News

The 2019 Entertainment book is now available for purchase online or at Kambrya College office.
Please see bonus offer below.

BONUS OFFER! When you buy an Entertainment Membership from us, not only will you be supporting our School but you will also receive a bonus $10 Woolworths WISH eGift Card!
Hurry, offer ends 11:59 May 12 AEST. Get yours today: https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/181c955

Student Achievement News

Joshua Sullivan competed in the Little Athletics National Championships for the Victorian team, held in Tasmania recently.

Joshua was selected by the coaches to be the boys Team leader for the event which was a big honour for him and secondly he won gold for the under 13 boys Triple Jump and is now the Australian champion for that event.
He also won silver with his 4 x 100 metre relay team.

Well done Joshua

NAPLAN on paper – information for parents and carers

NAPLAN
NATIONAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM
Literacy and Numeracy
2019

Why do students do NAPLAN?

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) assesses literacy and numeracy skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life.

Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 participate in the annual NAPLAN tests in reading, writing, language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy.

The assessment provides parents and schools with an understanding of how individual students are performing at the time of the tests. NAPLAN is just one aspect of a school's assessment and reporting process - it does not replace ongoing assessments made by teachers about student performance.

NAPLAN also provides schools, education authorities and governments with information about how education programs are working and whether young Australians are meeting important educational outcomes in literacy and numeracy.

What is assessed?

NAPLAN assesses literacy and numeracy skills that students are learning through their regular school curriculum. All government and non-government education authorities have contributed to the development of NAPLAN materials.

See example NAPLAN questions at **nap.edu.au**

How can I help my child prepare?

Help your child prepare by reassuring them that NAPLAN is just one part of their school program, and by reminding them on the day to simply try their best. Teachers will ensure students are familiar with the types of questions in the tests and will provide appropriate support and guidance.

ACARA does not recommend excessive preparation for NAPLAN or the use of services by coaching providers.

NAPLAN is about assessing learning progress in literacy and numeracy.

Participation in NAPLAN

All students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 are expected to participate in the annual NAPLAN assessment.

Students with disability may qualify for adjustments that reflect the support normally provided for classroom assessments. You should first discuss the use of any disability adjustments for your child with your child's teacher.

A formal exemption may be granted for a student with disability that severely limits their capacity to participate in the assessment, or for a student who has recently arrived in Australia and has a non-English speaking background.

Your school principal and your local test administration authority can give you more information on special provisions or the process required to gain a formal exemption.

Will my child sit NAPLAN on paper or online?

In 2019, your child will sit NAPLAN paper tests.

However, children in other schools across Australia will sit the NAPLAN online tests this year. Federal, state and territory education ministers have agreed that all schools will move online by 2020. State and territory education authorities will determine when their schools move online.

As students are assessed on the same literacy and numeracy curriculum content, regardless of whether they complete the test online or on paper, results for both formats can be reported on the same NAPLAN assessment scale. To find out more about NAPLAN Online, visit **nap.edu.au**

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VICTORIAN CURRICULUM AND ASSESSMENT AUTHORITY
VICTORIA State Government

NAPLAN News

What if my child is absent from school on assessment days?

Where possible, schools may arrange for individual students who are absent at the time of testing to complete missed tests at another time during the testing week. Individual students are not permitted to sit tests after Friday 17 May 2019.

NAPLAN 2019 timetable

	Tuesday 14 May	Wednesday 15 May	Thursday 16 May
Year 3	language conventions 45 minutes writing 40 minutes	reading 45 minutes	numeracy 45 minutes
Year 5	language conventions 45 minutes writing 40 minutes	reading 50 minutes	numeracy 50 minutes
Year 7	language conventions 45 minutes writing 40 minutes	reading 65 minutes	numeracy 65 minutes
Year 9	language conventions 45 minutes writing 40 minutes	reading 65 minutes	numeracy 65 minutes

How is my child's performance measured?

Individual student performance is shown on a national achievement scale for each test. A result at the national minimum standard indicates that the student has demonstrated the basic literacy and numeracy skills needed to participate fully in that year level.

A NAPLAN individual student report will be issued by your child's school later in the year. If you do not receive a report, you should contact your child's school.

How are NAPLAN results used?

- Students and parents may use individual results to discuss progress with teachers.
- Teachers use results to better identify students who would benefit from greater challenges or extra support.
- Schools use results to identify strengths and areas to improve in teaching programs, and to set goals in literacy and numeracy.
- School systems use results to review programs and support offered to schools.
- The community can see average school NAPLAN results at **myschool.edu.au**

Where can I get more information?

For more information about NAPLAN:

- contact your child's school
- contact your local test administration authority at **nap.edu.au/TAA**
- visit **nap.edu.au**

For information about how personal information for NAPLAN is handled by ACARA, please visit **nap.edu.au/naplanprivacy**

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Community News

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your name and postcode to 1300 610 355

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CaseyCardiniaSP@bsl.org.au

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* If very Centrelink payments are eligible, please contact your local Coordinator for more information.

Saver Plus is an initiative of the Brotherhood of St Laurence and ANZ, delivered in partnership with Berry Street, The Benevolent Society and The Smith Family and other local community agencies. The program is funded by ANZ and the Australian Government Department of Social Services. Go to www.dss.gov.au for more information.

Now on Facbook: https://www.facebook.com/SaverPlusAU/

Making changes for new beginnings

A therapeutic support group for women

Do you feel scared, intimidated, threatened or unsafe in your relationship with your partner?

Do you have control of your finances?

Does your partner blame you for their abusive behaviour?

Making Changes for New Beginnings is a 6-week support group for women who have experienced family violence.

The group aims to help you identify the effects of abusive relationships and create new beginnings for yourself.

Topics covered include:

- Cycle of violence
- Difference between anger and violence
- Healthy and unhealthy relationships
- Safety planning
- Parenting after family violence

Cost
Free

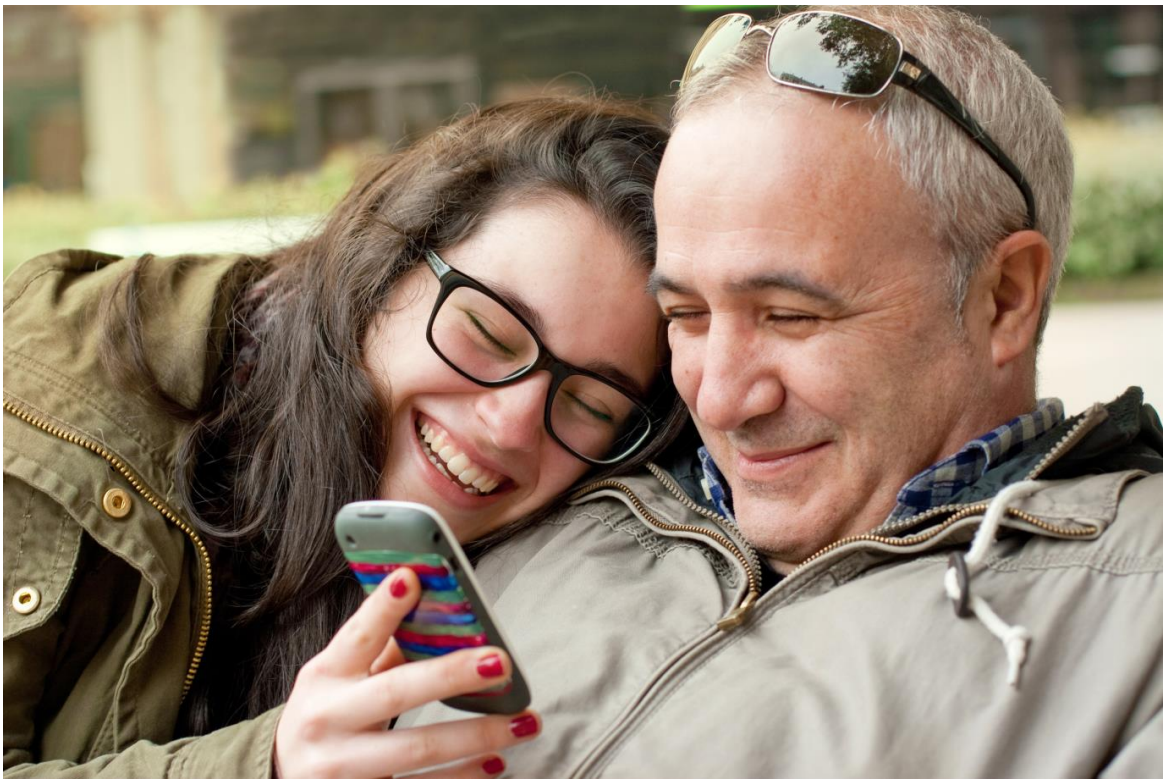
Date
The group runs once a week for six weeks during the school term

Time
Mornings

Venue
Narre Warren

Get in touch
For more information or to book, contact Megan on 03 5990 8400

Uniting



Tuning in to Teens

Are you the parent or carer of a teenager?

Would you like to develop and maintain a strong relationship with them?

Tuning in to Teens is a 6-week program to help improve your relationship with an adolescent in your care.

As a parent or carer of a teenager, you are invited to our 6 session program, designed to give you tools and tips to strengthen and grow your relationship.

Throughtout the program we will cover a range of topics, including:

- Improving your conversations
- Understanding their wants and needs
- Managing their emotions
- Dealing with conflict
- Developing their emotional intelligence

Cost
Gold coin donation

Date
Mondays
29th April – 3rd June 2019

Time
10am–12.30pm

Venue
Uniting
55 Webb St
Narre Warren Vic 3805

Get in touch
To find out more or to enrol, contact the Group Workers on 03 5990 8400.

Bookings essential

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