

The Harvest

The Newsletter of Kerang Christian College



Integrity, Faith, Family

Wednesday, 13th July 2016

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Friends

SEMESTER 2

Welcome back! It is lovely to see everyone around the school once again. The new semester for our Primary and Secondary School students commenced this week indicating that we have reached the half way mark for the school year. The change of semester marks a new timetable for a number of year levels. The new semester also marks a change of subjects for some students. Our Year 12 students have just over a term remaining before they complete their studies. We pray for a productive and successful semester of learning for all of our students.



CRAZY HAIR DAY

Crazy Hair Day is an annual fundraising event at the end of a school term at Kerang Christian College. This event supports Cystic Fibrosis Victoria (CFV) and was a fun way for students to celebrate the end of the first semester and a great way to raise awareness and funds for those living with Cystic Fibrosis. Primary and Secondary students were also able to wear free dress for the day and provided a gold coin donation to participate in the day. The students and staff raised a total of \$135.00. Well done!

BIBLE VERSE OF THE WEEK

"I can do everything by the power of Christ. He gives me strength." Philippians 4:13

We look forward to a great Term 3.

Working together,

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Principal

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Primary School Report

What did you do at school today?

Prep

The Preps have been busy observing the weather and recording their observations. We have been investigating clouds, heat and air. We tested and chose materials to make a wind detection tool, and observed the wind.

Year 1

The Year 1s recorded weather information in a table they produced in Word, in ICT. It took a long time to get it right, but they were then able to print them off and paste them in personal Science Journals. It has been wonderful to have Miss Ally Pryor to help us in the computer room.

Year 2

Year 2 students have been looking at a variety of maps. They have been learning to show different things from a bird's eye point of view.

Year 3

In Maths, the Year 3 students have been learning about time and telling time to the minute. They have been challenged to apply different aspects of time to real life situations.

Year 4

In ICT, the Year 4 students have been designing their own football jumpers to represent Victoria's cultural diversity. They have been learning how to use the program 'Paint'.

Year 5

The Year 5 students in ICT have been designing their own footy jumpers. This for the competition "One Team, One Goal". They have been using a range of skills to develop creative and interesting designs.

Year 6

The Year 6 students have been developing their own plays in Performing Arts. They had write set lines for two people per play and they had to write two plays.

WELCOME BACK

It is a pleasure to have your children back in class again at Kerang Christian College. We are looking forward to another busy term with many wonderful learning opportunities planned for our students. Please continue to communicate with our staff if you have any questions or feedback. We look forward to working with our school community throughout the term.

PARENT-TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Semester 1 reports were posted home during Week 11 of last term. Parent-teacher interviews will be conducted on **Tuesday, 2nd August** and **Thursday, 4th August**. These interviews are an opportunity to discuss the progress of your child and the strategies that will be implemented in the second half of the year to assist in the development of your child.

ONE TEAM ONE GOAL COMPETITION

A number of Year 3-6 students participated in the One Team, One Goal: Celebrating Diversity competition. Students entered by designing a football jumper that 'reflects Victoria's cultural diversity'. The entries demonstrated their understanding of why it's important to have respect for diversity and promote the message that cultural diversity is recognised and celebrated in their community. Students in Years 3-6 completed the entry during ICT classes. This provided students with an opportunity to further develop their graphic design skills.

BOOK WEEK WRITING COMPETITION

Details about the Kerang District Schools Book Week Writing Competition have been included in this newsletter. Students in Prep – Year 6 are encouraged to enter. Entries close: **Friday, 22nd July**.



PREMIERS' READING CHALLENGE

The Premiers' Reading Challenge (PRC) has started and aims to encourage in students a love of reading for leisure and pleasure, and to enable students to experience quality literature. It is not a competition but a challenge for each student to read, to read more and to read more widely. Please contact the Office for more information.

PRIMARY SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

YEAR 5/6 SPEECH NIGHT

On the evening of Wednesday, 1st June, the Year 5/6 Speech Night took place. This was the first round of the Lions Club Speaking Competition. Each student had to prepare a speech titled, "A Day in the life of a ...". This required them to imagine they had a job for a day and tell us about a day in the life of that job. They had to use real facts but they could make up what happened during the day. Each student spoke well, with many humorous moments, some intended and some unintended, through the lines of the students.

The supper afterwards was a particular highlight, and there was even leftovers to eat the next day during class.

Amariah, Olivia and Georgia received the highest three marks from the class and performed their speeches in front of representatives from the Kerang Lions Club at the end of Term 2.

Congratulations to all the Year 5/6 students on an outstanding effort and a great night.

Jesse Cutler
Year 5/6 Teacher

PRIMARY SCHOOL CHAPEL

We had a special visit from Mrs Kate Nelson and baby, Hunter on the last Chapel of Semester 1. The Primary School students enjoyed asking questions about Hunter and seeing Mrs Nelson. We continue to pray God's blessing for Mrs Nelson and her family.

YEAR 9 HELPERS

Some of the Prep – Year 2 students appreciated the Year 9 students having a look at their writing during the last week of Term 2. The lower Primary School students enjoyed showing their hard work.

We look forward to another exciting semester of learning.

Please refer to the calendar on the last page of *The Harvest* to see a list of upcoming events.

Working together,

Michael Bond
Head of Primary School / Principal



Middle School Report



WHEEL TALK PROGRAM

On Wednesday, 8th June, all Secondary Students participated in the Wheel Talk program. The Wheel Talk School Awareness Program visits thousands of students each year to raise disability awareness and promote the benefits of a healthy lifestyle. The program encouraged our students to think about diversity, acceptance and disability sports. It also provided students with a greater understanding of the issues facing people with disability. Students particularly enjoyed the opportunity to play wheelchair basketball. Thank you to Miss Beach for organising this thought-provoking and enjoyable activity.

DOROTHEA MACKELLA POETRY AWARDS

The Dorothea Mackellar Poetry Awards is known as the oldest and largest poetry competition for school aged children in Australia. Poets are encouraged to take inspiration from wherever they may find it, however if they are looking for some direction, competition participants are invited to use this year's optional theme 'Waiting' to inspire their entries. Conditions of entry are published online at: <http://dorothea.com.au/Terms-and-conditions>

PREMIER'S SPIRIT OF ANZAC PRIZE 2016-17

The Premier's Spirit of Anzac Prize is open to students in Years 9 and 10 currently enrolled in all Victorian Government, Catholic and Independent Schools. Students need their parents' permission to enter the competition.

The 2016-17 Premier's Spirit of Anzac Prize will provide 22 students with the opportunity to participate in an overseas study tour to Lemnos, Gallipoli and the Western Front. In addition, regional finalists will tour a significant Australian location and will be invited to attend lunch with the Premier of Victoria.

Applications should be submitted via email to SOAP@dpc.vic.gov.au by 10am, **Friday, 23rd September 2016**. Early lodgement is welcome at any time. For more information, please visit the website below: <http://www.dpc.vic.gov.au/index.php/veterans/veterans-board-positions/premiers-spirit-of-anzac-prize-2016-17>

ELECTIVES

Students in Years 8, 9 & 10 have selected their elective subjects for Semester 2. Once again, we are excited to offer a range of brand new elective subjects. Since the program commenced in 2014, the College has now offered over 50 elective classes. The classes on offer this semester are detailed below.

Animals, Animals, Animals

In this elective, students will learn about the behaviours and adaptations that allow different species to survive in hostile environments. Students will investigate the hunting, social and survival habits of animals across a range of habitats. This elective will give students a greater understanding of how the animal kingdom works in harmony.

What did you do at school today?

Year 7 English

Students have just begun their study of the text, *Incognito*. They have discussed ideas surrounding a futuristic world.

Year 7 Maths

In Maths, the Year 7s have been studying operations with decimals.

Year 8 Maths

Students have been studying applications of percentages, working out percentage discounts, profit and loss and shortcuts for finding common percentages.

Year 8 ICT

The students in the Year 8 ICT class have been investigating fast food restaurants and the availability of healthier meal options. They are reviewing the energy, fat and sodium data as presented in a *Choice* article and re-presenting the information graphically for an audience through developing infographics and graphs.

Year 8 English

In English, students are enjoying studying *Parvana*. They are looking at the techniques the author has used to convey themes such as family, conflict, survival and friendship.

Year 9 English

This week, the Year 9 students have begun reading William Shakespeare's play 'Romeo and Juliet' as a class. We will be analysing Act 1 over the next two weeks.

MIDDLE SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Art History

In this course students will study a range of different artists throughout history, including studying their biographies and historical influences. These artists may include Salvador Dali, Andy Warhol and Bill Henson. Although, the majority of classes will involve theoretical work, students will also participate in practical components of the course. This will include attempting to imitate particular styles of art such as surrealism and pop art.

Creative Capers

Textiles and design will be the focus of this elective course. Students will produce a range of textile creations, using various techniques. They will develop and refine their skills in hand sewing, using the sewing machines as well as learning to knit. Students with a range of starting skill levels are invited to participate in this course. Whether you are a competent sewer or do not yet know how to sew on a button, this course will have something for everyone. Students will also investigate and report on an aspect of the textile industry.

CSI

In this elective, students will learn about evidence and how to collect it as well as the prosecution process. They will develop a greater understanding of the legal system in Australia, including the key features of Australia's court system and how courts apply and interpret the law, resolve disputes and make law through judgements. This will culminate in students solving their own "crime scene" using the skills they have learned.

Music at the Movies

In this class students will investigate the musical pieces from a wide range of films. Students will be involved in practical music making and analysing techniques used in movie soundtracks. The final project will involve students creating a mini-movie and accompanying soundtrack. This unit will be suitable for students with a range of musical backgrounds, including those who are proficient musicians as well as those who have basic experience with Garage Band. Students with an interest in acting and performing will be able to refine their skills throughout this course.

The Great Bake Off

In this unit students will research, design and produce a range of baked goods, including cupcakes, muffins and slices using a variety of tools and techniques. Students will research methods and practices used by companies and individuals from home cooks to international producers. Students will design and produce their own creations, exploring the flavours, textures and skills involved in successful slice, cupcake, cake and muffin production. Students will examine the factors that influence choice when producing these goods, including financial considerations, consumers' needs, availability of ingredients and skill required.

There is no I in TEAM

In this elective, students will look at the different roles team members can take on in different situations. Students will analyse communication skills, strategy and team work in a variety of fields, including sport. The course will allow participants to learn and practically apply teamwork skills during challenges and tasks.

Thinking Globally

Thinking Globally will allow students the opportunity to look outside their own worlds to the larger issues of the world around them. They will study some of the conflicts in the world that are rooted in recent history, but remain today, and examine current affairs and events that are occurring in 2016. There will also be an emphasis on looking without, rather than within, and students will be encouraged to work with charities and charitable organisations in various ways.

Michelle Bond
Head of Secondary School

Senior School Report

What did you do at school today?

Year 10 Mathematics

Students have finished studying simultaneous linear equations and have just commenced solving and graphing linear inequations.

Unit 2 History

This week in History students are studying the Truman Doctrine, the Marshall Plan and the Berlin Blockade. This is a part of our study of the division of Germany and Berlin.

Unit 4 Physical Education

This week in Physical Education students have been designing the 6 week training programs that they will undertake during this term. In class we have studied various training methods to improve their health related fitness components.

Unit 4 English

Year 12 English students are studying the text 'Every Man in this Village is a Liar'. Set in the Middle East after 9/11, the text deals with issues of war and conflict. Students are learning about the 'war on terror' and what happened in this area at this time.

Unit 4 Psychology

Students have been studying the Area of Study titled, "What influences a person's perception of the world?" They have been writing up their practice research investigations using the data that they collected over the holiday break, in relation to the ambiguous B/13 figure. What do you see in this image?



VIC ROADS KEYS PLEASE

We are excited to announce that the Year 10 students at Kerang Christian College will be participating in the VicRoads Keys Please education session on **Thursday, 14th July**.

The Keys Please education session offers information and practical ideas for Year 10 students on how to use the learning to drive period, get 120 hours of practice and become safe drivers. The session will run for approximately 45 minutes, and is conducted by a VicRoads presenter. The session will cover the risks for new drivers, the reason why young drivers are at risk and why experience is important, the importance of learning in stages and the importance of developing a positive partnership between learners and their parents.

Because the sessions emphasise the importance of developing a positive partnership between learner drivers and parents, the invitation to attend the Key Please session is extended to parents.

Students are asked to wear their blazers to the session, which will be held in Room 12 from 9:00am to approximately 9:45am (Period 1).

For more information, including online resources for supervising drivers, please visit: <https://www.vicroads.vic.gov.au/safety-and-road-rules/driver-safety/young-and-new-drivers/keys-please-information-session>.

We trust that students and parents will enjoy this valuable program and will develop a greater understanding of the learning to drive period.

YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE

Congratulations to our Year 10's for completing another successful week of work experience. Our intrepid explorers became a little more familiar in the areas of retail, auto engineering, hospitality, education and aged care during the last week of term. All of them reported having enjoyed themselves during their time, and many indicated that the experience has helped them in their further pathway planning. We would like to thank the employers who assisted by taking on a placement and looking after them so well.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Please refer to the calendar on the last page of *The Harvest* for the dates of upcoming College events.

If you have any concerns throughout this year, please do not hesitate to contact me at the College.

Michelle Café
Head of Senior School



YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE



CAREER NEWS

VTACMAG

Year 12 students are advised that the VTAC booklet has been replaced by a new VTACmag. VTACmag contains practical, easy to follow information about the VTAC process and preparing for study, and is available for purchase in printed format from newsagents (RRP \$7.95), and for tablets and smartphones as an eMagazine (\$4.49).

UNIVERSITY OPEN DAYS

On Open Day, a university opens its doors to anyone who is interested in attending their university in the future, or who would just like to know more about the institution. University Open Days are well worth attending because they can help you make one of life's important decisions. Some universities have multiple campuses with Open Days on different dates at their regional or smaller campuses. Please continue to consider visiting a university campus for an open day.

LATROBE UNIVERSITY OPEN DAYS

Please contact La Trobe University on 1300 135 045 if you would like any information about the following Open Day events:

Shepparton – Friday, 5th August 2016

Melbourne – Sunday, 7th August 2016

Bendigo – Sunday, 14th August 2016

Mildura – Wednesday, 17th August 2016

Albury-Wodonga – Monday, 15th August 2016 (Information Evening)

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY

ACU Open Day events: **Melbourne – Sunday, 14th August & Ballarat – Sunday 28th August 2016.**

FEDERATION UNIVERSITY

For more information about FedUni open days and courses see: <http://federation.edu.au/future-students>. The Open Day event for 2016 for FedUni is on **Sunday, 28th August 2016.**

RMIT UNIVERSITY

The RMIT Open Day events are as follows: **City and Bundoora – Sunday, 14th August 2016.** For more information about RMIT Open Day events, please visit: <http://openday.rmit.edu.au/>

DEAKIN UNIVERSITY

Open Day events: **Geelong – Sunday, 21st August & Melbourne Burwood – Sunday, 28th August.** For more information, please visit: <http://www.openday.com.au/event/deakin/>

VICTORIA UNIVERSITY

The Victoria University Open Day event is scheduled for: **Sunday, 28th August 2016.**

Please refer to: <https://www.vu.edu.au/news-events/events/open-day-2016>

SWINBURNE UNIVERSITY

Open Day event: **Sunday, 31st July 2016.** Please see: <http://www.swinburne.edu.au/openday/>

EASTERN COLLEGE AUSTRALIA

Open day at Eastern College Australia is on **Monday, 17th October 2016**, from 11am - 1pm. For a full list of courses and more information about each one, please go to www.eastern.edu.au/study/courses.

KWONG LEE DOW YOUNG SCHOLARS

The Kwong Lee Dow Young Scholars program is an academic enrichment program designed to support high achieving Victorian senior secondary students. Year 10 students are eligible to apply for the program, after being endorsed by their school. Please speak to Mrs Bond or Mrs Café.

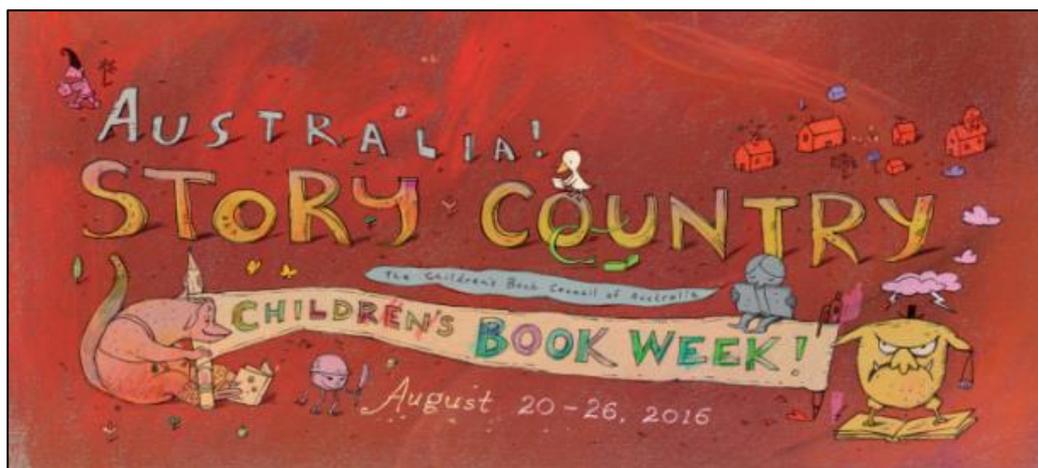
MYFUTURE

The myfuture website is a career information service that assists career planning, career pathways and work transitions. - See more at: www.myfuture.edu.au

WHEEL TALK AWARENESS PROGRAM



BOOK WEEK WRITING COMPETITION



Categories for the Kerang District Schools:

ILLUSTRATED BOOK

Junior: Prep to Year 2

Middle: Years 3 & 4

Senior: Years 5 & 6

- Writing can be of any genre.
- Please indicate audience this book is written for.

INFORMATION BOOK

Prep

Junior: Years 1 & 2

Middle: Years 3 & 4

Senior: Years 5 & 6

RECOUNT (including diaries)

Junior: Prep to Year 2

Middle: Years 3 & 4

Senior: Years 5 & 6

DIGITAL BOOK

Junior: Prep to Year 2

Middle: Years 3 & 4

Senior: Years 5 & 6

- Any genre but must include text and be on an individual USB or a disc.
- Can use programs such as PowerPoint, Photo Story, and Comic Life

NARRATIVE

Middle: Years 3 & 4

Senior: Years 5 & 6

Requirements for Book Competitions Categories

ILLUSTRATED BOOKS

- Must have appropriate cover information e.g. title, author, illustrator
- Must have title page
- Must have pictures that support the text
- Must be hand illustrated
- Must include audience written for

INFORMATION/ NON-FICTION

- Must have appropriate cover information e.g. title, author, illustrator
- Must have a title page
- Must have a contents page (except for Prep)
- Must have a bibliography (if relevant)
- May have a blurb
- Includes
 - explanations
 - projects in book form
 - biographies / autobiographies

Entries close: Friday, 22nd July 2016.

Winners will be announced on Friday, 26th August before the Book Parade.

For more information about the terms and conditions, please contact your child's Home Group teacher.

ENROLMENT INFORMATION

You are invited to join our friendly school family on the next chapter of our stimulating journey.



School Tours

Families considering Prep – Year 12 enrolment at Kerang Christian College for 2017 are most welcome to visit the College for a Principal's Tour. Tours will allow visitors to meet the College Principal and enjoy a guided tour around the College's facilities whilst viewing classes in action. Reservations can be made by contacting the College Office by phone on 5450 3894.



Academic Excellence

A key strategic priority for Kerang Christian College is the development of a culture that has a passionate pursuit of academic excellence. The College is offering Prep to Year 12 studies for the first time in the College's history in 2016.



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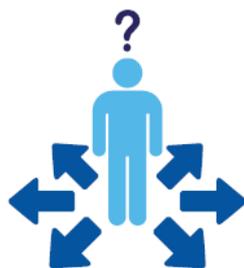
We know that developing a connected school community is important for the overall educational experience for our students. Whether you're interested in our curriculum initiatives, our student achievements or attending the next event at the College, you'll find an appropriate social site to follow here or a web page with additional information.



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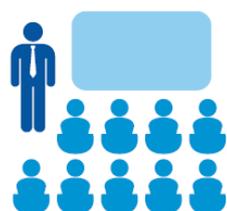


Prep Transition for 2017

To enrol for Prep, families are encouraged to pick up a copy of an Information Package, which includes an Enrolment Form. Enrolment Forms are also available on the College website. Enrolment places still exist in our Prep program for 2017. Please contact the Office if you wish to find out more information.

Year 7 Transition for 2017

Our transition program into Year 7 involves a number of important events. Tours of the school are available throughout the year by appointment. This is an opportunity to see how the school works and what the school looks like. Please contact the College office to find out additional information.



Availability

Enrolment places still exist in most of our Secondary School classes. Please contact the Office if you wish to find out more information.

Transfer Students

Kerang Christian College accepts transfer students on a case-by-case basis. Applications are accepted throughout the year, subject to availability.

CALENDAR

July

Tue	12 th	Term 3 Commences
Thu	14 th	Keys Please (Year 10)
Fri	15 th	Division Winter Sports Final: T-Ball
Tue	19 th	CSEN Cross Country
Wed	27 th	Senior School Information Night

August

Tue	2 nd	ICAS English Competition
Tue	2 nd	Parent Teacher Interviews
Thu	4 th	Parent Teacher Interviews
Tue	16 th	ICAS Mathematics Competition
22 nd – 24 th		Year 10 Camp
Thu	25 th	Primary Athletic Sports
Fri	26 th	Book Parade

September

Fri	16 th	Footy Colours Day
Fri	16 th	Term 3 Ends at 1:30pm

October

Tue	4 th	Kerang Show Day (No school)
Wed	5 th	Term 4 Commences

NEWSLETTER INSERTS

- Year 10 Keys Please Program (Sent: 12/7)
- Winter Sports Finals: T-Ball
- Parent Teacher Interviews
- Scholastic Book Club

BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to:

- 1st July – Kye
- 3rd July – Darcy P
- 7th July – Malachi & John
- 8th July – Jack, Olivia B & Koby
- 11th July – Isaac
- 14th July – Nateisha
- 15th July – Atticus
- 19th July – Chenoa
- 26th July – Lanie

PRAYER POINTS

- Give thanks for a safe and restful holiday period.
- Pray for our students and staff as they commence Term 3 and get back into routine.
- Pray for the Senior School Information Evening.
- Continue to pray for enrolments for 2017.

PARENTS PLUS PRAYER GROUP

The Parents Plus Prayer Group meets every Thursday in the College Staff Room at 9am. All welcome. It is a relaxed and informal environment. No RSVP is required. There is no commitment to attend every week.

CHARACTER FIRST

ENTHUSIASM

Expressing joy in each task as I give it my best effort.

I Will Put My Whole Heart into What I Do

To be successful, children must strive for excellence and not settle for poor, half-hearted effort. Such a commitment requires going the “extra mile” to complete assignments and do them well. For example, children can do more than write text for a book report. They might also include illustrations, a timeline, extra facts, and a nice presentation folder. The extra investment on their part proves their desire to make any project the best it can be.

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