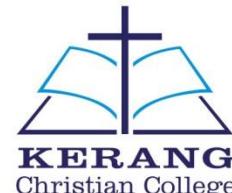


The Harvest

The Newsletter of Kerang Christian College

Wednesday, 26th October 2016



Integrity, Faith, Family

CELEBRATING SPECIAL EVENTS

Dear Parents and Friends

We give thanks to God for a great start to Term 4 at Kerang Christian College. It has certainly been a very busy time with students participating in a wide range of events both on and off site. Our thoughts and prayers are with the VCE students as they commence Unit 3/4 examinations this week. Many of our Year 11 students are accelerating and will be completing one examination, while our Year 12 students will be completing a series of examinations over the coming weeks. We pray our students can achieve their personal best on their examinations.

It was lovely to celebrate with our Year 12 students at the Valedictory Dinner on Wednesday, 19th October. This was a special time of celebration with students, staff, parents and Board members.

I appreciated the opportunity to visit the Year 3/4 camp on Thursday last week. Over the course of a few hours I was able to observe the students participating in the low ropes course, mini golf, indoor rock climbing and having fun on the pedal boats. The students had a great time participating in many activities over the three days.

This week the Year 7 students participated in their camp at the Rowallan Recreation and Adventure Camp located in Riddell's Creek. We look forward to hearing more about their experiences during the next few days.

Attention now turns to preparations for end of year assessments and examinations for most year levels at Kerang Christian College. This is an opportunity for students to demonstrate how much they have learnt throughout the year. Students are encouraged to approach these next few weeks with determination to try their personal best.

We continue to give thanks to God for the safety of our students throughout this time. We pray for God's blessing during these next few weeks as students participate in a wide range of end of year events.

Working together,

Michael Bond
Principal

NEW PRINCIPAL ANNOUNCEMENT

The Kerang Christian College School Board is pleased to announce the appointment of Mr Wayne Barker as our new Principal to start in January 2017. Mr Barker comes to us from Northside Christian College where he has been Deputy Principal for six years. He is passionate about Christian education and has spent much of his teaching career at Christian schools in Australia and he has also worked in education overseas. His background includes teaching VCE Mathematics, Physics and Biology. We look forward to his time in Kerang as he moves up over the summer break with his wife Pam. The College Board would like to extend their sincere thanks to the school community for their prayers and support through the selection period.

Pennie Gill
Board Chairman



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Primary School Report



What did you do at school today?

Prep

The Preps have been very busy with their writing, taking part in producing two class books over the past two weeks. Our books look great!

Year 1

Year 1 have been creating PowerPoint presentations which give step by step instructions, with pictures, on how to grow a plant. Students planted seeds themselves, photographing each step, and used these to illustrate their PowerPoint. They have done a fabulous job!

Year 2

Students have been having hands on experience of the life stages of an invertebrate through investigating the growth of a mealworm under different temperature conditions.

Year 3

In P.E. the students have been focusing on developing their team work skills through games including dodgeball and rebound ball.

Year 4

In Health, the students have been learning about aspects of healthy friendships. They have been identifying factors and putting them into practise through role plays.

Year 5

The Year 5 students had a mystery class this fortnight. All the instructions were written down and they couldn't ask Mr Cutler any questions. This gave students a chance to step up and show leadership to help the class complete all the tasks.

Year 6

The Year 6 students had fun in PE this week. They started learning the game 'Rebound Ball' which is a mix between netball and ultimate frisbee.



YEAR 3/4 CAMP

The Year 3/4 students had a great three day camp at Billabong Ranch in Echuca last week. Students participated in the camp with students from Son Centre Christian College and River City Christian College. Camp activities involved structured sessions including Horse Grooming, Horse Riding, Beach Volleyball, Roping, Initiative Games, Night Walk, Mini Golf, Low Ropes Course, Pedal Boats, Archery and more. Thank you to Mr Jesse Cutler, Miss Sarah Hutton and Mrs Tania Berry for your assistance of this camp.

GANNAWARRA VICHEALTH WALK TO SCHOOL PROGRAM

Primary School students and staff at Kerang Christian College are participating in the 2016 Gannawarra VicHealth Walk to School Program. Victorian primary students are encouraged to walk, ride or scooter to and from school to kick-start healthy walking habits that can lead to good health for life.

SUN SAFETY

Students and their parents are reminded that students should have their Kerang Christian College sun hats at school (as a part of their uniform) each day during Term 4. Even in cooler, cloudy weather, all students will be expected to wear their hats to recess, lunch, Physical Education and (outdoor) Sport lessons. The UV rating for our region is displayed each day at: <http://www.kccs.vic.edu.au/school-policies>.

MID-TERM BREAK

Monday, 31st October is a Mid-Term Break. There will be no classes on this day for staff and students. Please mark this date on your calendar.

ASSESSMENT WEEK

Between the **14th and 17th November** students will be participating in Assessment Week. Please keep these dates free on your calendar.

STUDENT FREE DAY

Friday, 18th November is a Student Free Day for Primary School students. Staff will be involved in report writing, grading assessments and planning for 2017. Please note this date on your calendar.

PRIMARY SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS



BUDDY TIME IN THE GARDEN

Our Primary School Buddies did a great job on Friday planting some additional plants in the rose garden out the front of the College. It was lovely to see the buddies working so well together. They did a great job digging holes, planting the flowers and watering the garden. The gardens are looking beautiful!

REGIONAL ATHLETICS

Congratulations to **Lachlan Somerville** who ran extremely well in the 100m hurdles at the Loddon Mallee Regional Athletics in Bendigo and qualified for the Primary School State Athletics Championships, which were held on Monday, 24th October.

NEW SCHOOL PREP ORIENTATION

On **Tuesday, 29th November** the College will hold a ‘New School’ Prep Orientation morning for students enrolling in Prep for 2017. This will be held between 9am and 12 noon at the College. This morning will allow the soon-to-be Preps to become familiar with the classroom and Prep teacher. Parents are asked to drop their child off in the Prep room for the session, and then go up to the Staffroom for morning tea. Parents will have the opportunity to meet with other Prep parents and teachers at the College. New Preps are asked to bring a water bottle and snack for this morning.

PREP 2017 SCHOOL FEES

Kerang Christian College is pleased to announce that there are a limited number of **free tuition** places available for Prep 7 for 2017 for complete enrolment applications received prior to the **Friday, 4th November**. Please note that enrolment places are always subject to Principal approval after an enrolment interview. Please contact the College Office for more details.

Please feel free to contact the College if you have any questions. We look forward to a great Term 4 at Kerang Christian College.

Working together,

Michael Bond
Head of Primary School / Principal

Middle School Report



YEAR 7 ORIENTATION DAY

We are hosting a Year 7 Orientation Day on **Wednesday, 2nd November 2016**.

This is an important day for students to meet new classmates/ teachers and familiarise themselves with the Secondary School area, class times, rooms and some of the subjects that are offered here at Kerang Christian College.

Students are to meet at the front office by 8:50am in their current school sports uniform including hat and runners. All pens and paper will be provided for the day's classes.

Lunch will be provided on the day, but students will need to bring a drink and morning tea. The school canteen, 'The Lunch Box' will be open at recess and lunch for drinks, icy poles and snacks.

The following will be available on the day:

- Uniforms to purchase or order from 3pm (cash, cheque and eftpos facilities available)
- Kerang Christian College School Bags

The day will conclude at the normal time of 3:20pm.

YEAR 7 CAMP

The Year 7 students have been attending an overnight camp on Tuesday and Wednesday this week. The aim of the Year 7 camp is for students to learn to work together in the context of an informal, fun environment. The camp is set in a bush location at the Rowallan Recreation and Adventure Camp located in Riddell's Creek. During the camp, students will participate in a range of outdoor and adventure activities that will help promote teamwork and a sense of unity within the Year 7 cohort. These activities will include; a low ropes course, a low flying fox, bushwalking, initiatives course and a range of sporting activities. On Tuesday evening, students travelled to Hanging Rock where they participated in a night tour, with the park ranger. On Wednesday, students participated in more group activities before heading off to the Memorial Cross at the peak of Mt Macedon. Students will be able to appreciate the views at this landmark that commemorates those who have served in World Wars.

What did you do at school today?

Year 7 English

Recently, students prepared and presented speeches for a class debate on the topic of 'homework should be banned'. Convincing arguments and rebuttals were presented by both the negative and affirmative teams.

Year 7 ICT

Students enjoyed participating in an "Hour of Code" activity during their ICT class last week. The Hour of Code initiative provides student with an opportunity to learn more about computer science and gain some experience coding in a school setting.

Year 7 Civics and Citizenship

Students have begun a new unit entitled, 'Discovering Careers'. During this unit students will explore their personal strengths, interests and skills, as well as potential career options for the future.

Year 8 Mathematics

In Year 8 Maths, students have just completed a unit on measurement. They have studied perimeter, circumference; area of quadrilaterals, triangles, circles and irregular shapes; and volume of prisms and 3D shapes. They have just commenced a unit on probability.

Year 8 English

In Year 8 English, students have begun studying the movie Holes, examining the effects choices and friends have on lives.

Year 9 English

This week in English the Year 9 students are writing and preparing for their oral presentations based on whether shows such as 'The Truman Show' should exist.

MIDDLE SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

YEAR 7 – 10 EXAMINATIONS

Secondary School examinations will be held in Week 7 of this term. Students will undertake two examinations each on the morning and afternoon of **Monday, 14th** and **Tuesday, 15th November**. The middle session each day has been set aside for supervised study. During this time, students are expected to revise their notes and undertake final preparations for their next examination. The examination timetable is below and students will receive a copy in their examination information booklets, which will be released shortly. Please be aware that attendance on the day of the examination is compulsory and examinations will not be rescheduled unless a medical certificate has been provided.

Kerang Christian College

Years 7 – 10 Examination Timetable: Monday, 14th November – Tuesday 15th November

| | Home Group 8:50 – 9:00 | Period 1 & 2 9:00 – 10:40 | Recess 10:40 – 11:00 | Period 3 & 4 11:00 – 12:40 | Lunch 12:40 – 1:30 | Period 5 & 6 1:30 – 3:10 | Home Group 3:10 – 3:20 |
|---|---------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| Monday 14th November | Year 10 | English (R12 / 13) | | Supervised Study (R15) | | Science (R12/13) | Year 10 |
| | Year 9 | English (R12 / 13) | | Supervised Study (R22) | | Science (R12/13) | Year 9 |
| | Year 8 | English (R12 / 13) | | Supervised Study (Library) | | Science (R12/13) | Year 8 |
| | Year 7 | English (R11) | | Supervised Study (R11) | | Science (R11) (70 mins) | Year 7 |
| Tuesday 15th November | Year 10 | Maths (R12 / 13) | | Supervised Study (R15) | | Geography (R12 / 13) | Year 10 |
| | Year 9 | Maths (R12 / 13) | | Supervised Study (R22) | | Geography (R12 / 13) | Year 9 |
| | Year 8 | Maths (R12 / 13) | | Supervised Study (Library) | | Geography (R12 / 13) | Year 8 |
| | Year 7 | Maths (R11) | | Supervised Study (R11) | | Geography (R11) (70 mins) | Year 7 |

ASSESSMENT WEEK

On the **16th - 17th November** students will be participating in a range of standardised assessments at Kerang Christian College.

SUN SAFETY

Students and their parents are reminded that all students are required to have their Kerang Christian College hats at school (as a part of their uniform) each day during Term 4. All students will be expected to wear their hats at recess, lunch and during Physical Education lessons.

YEAR 7 2017 SCHOOL FEES

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Michelle Bond
Head of Secondary School





Senior School Report

Exam Study Tips

Work consistently throughout the year. Regularly scheduling some revision throughout the semester assists with learning and understanding.

Draw up a study plan. Most students have a busy schedule with other commitments including sport, work, friends and family. It can be a useful strategy to plan what you aim to study each day leading up to the examinations. This is a good strategy to ensure you don't miss anything and don't get stuck studying for subjects at the last minute.

Study with purpose. Think about how you are going to study for each subject. Can you study chapter questions? Are there any past papers or practice exams? Can you develop a study guide?

Completing practice exams is an effective strategy at the VCE level. Completing practice exams can build your confidence in how to attempt different types of questions, managing your exam time and building your content knowledge.

Read your exam timetable. It is important to know the details of your exam. When is it scheduled? How long does it go for? What can you bring into the exam room? Students should be familiar with the exam rules.

Maintain your routines. The little things like eating well, sleeping well and staying positive can help you prepare for your examinations.

VCE ORIENTATION WEEK

VCE Orientation week is taking place from **28th November** to the **2nd December**. The first week of classes for 2017 is effectively commencing during that week, giving students a head start to their studies next year. I always find orientation week a great way to end one year as it gives an element of excitement and newness, and I look forward to commencing our second ever Year 12 class. The orientation timetable is currently being formulated and will be made available to students when complete.

TERTIARY APPLICATIONS

A number of Year 12 students have completed tertiary applications including SEAS and scholarships. Applicants are made through VTAC. Timely course applications closed on the 29th September. Late course applications close on the **4th November**. If you have any further questions regarding this process, please feel free to see Mrs Café.

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).

PRESENTATION EVENING

The College is currently making early preparations for our 2016 Presentation Evening, which will incorporate the Year 12 graduation ceremony. Please note that the date for Presentation Evening for 2016 is **Thursday, 24th November 2016**. This event will include Year 12 Graduation for the first time in the College's history. Presentation Evening has been scheduled earlier than previous years due to the number of Year 12 students participating in the Alternative Schoolies trip to Cambodia in partnership with the Rotary Club of Kerang.

ASSISTANCE REQUESTED

As we have several new Study Designs for 2017, a number of new VCE textbooks will be arriving at the College over the coming weeks. If any parents are able to assist in contacting the new VCE textbooks, your assistance would be greatly appreciated. Please contact the Office if you are able to help and we will organise a box of books for you.

YEAR 12 CELEBRATIONS

Our Year 12 students enjoyed a last day of celebrations last Tuesday, enjoying a day in Bendigo at Jumpz and The Zone and lunch at the Brewhouse. I would like to congratulate them on their behaviour and great attitude during the day – Ms Cordingley and I enjoyed being able to celebrate with them and have a fun day. They then gathered together with family, staff and board members at the Valedictory dinner to formally celebrate their last year of schooling. As they now commence their examinations I pray that they will be able to do their best and stay calm.

SENIOR SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

UNIT 1/2 VCE EXAMINATION TIMETABLE

The **21st November** to **25th November** is the Unit 1/2 VCE examination week. The examination timetable has been published below. The examinations will operate in much the same way as those in mid-year. Parents and students will receive a letter outlining more detailed information in the coming weeks.

Kerang Christian College

Unit 2 Examination Timetable: Monday, 21st November – Friday, 25th November (Week B)

| | Home Group 8:50 – 9:00 | Period 1 & 2 9:00 – 10:40 | Recess 10:40 – 11:00 | Period 3 & 4 11:00 – 12:40 | Lunch 12:40 – 1:30 | Period 5 & 6 1:30 – 3:10 | Home Group 3:10 – 3:20 |
|--|------------------------------------|--|-------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------|--|---------------------------------|
| Monday 21st November | Adams / Provis / Baker House | English (R23) | | Supervised Study (R23) | | Business Management Chemistry (R23) | Adams / Provis / Baker House |
| Tuesday 22nd November | Adams / Provis / Baker House | General Mathematics (R23) | | Supervised Study (R23) | | Biology Systems Legal Studies (R23) | Adams / Provis / Baker House |
| Wednesday 23rd November (VC Bendigo) | Adams / Provis / Baker House | HHD Methods (R23) | | Supervised Study (R23) | | Psychology (R23) | Adams / Provis / Baker House |
| Thursday 24th November | Adams / Provis / Baker House | Physics Food Technology History (R23) | | Supervised Study (R23) | | Rescheduled exam (Careers Room) | Adams / Provis / Baker House |
| Friday 25th November | Adams / Provis / Baker House | Rescheduled exam (Careers Room) | | | | Rescheduled exam (Careers Room) | Adams / Provis / Baker House |

UNIT 1/2 VCE EXAMINATION WEIGHTINGS

The Unit 1/2 VCE examinations at Kerang Christian College are weighted towards the final grade as follows:

| 50% | 40% | 30% |
|------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|
| Biology | English | Systems Engineering |
| Chemistry | Business Management | Food and Technology |
| Physics | General Mathematics | |
| Psychology | Health & Human Development | |
| | Mathematical Methods | |
| | History: 20 th Century | |
| | Legal Studies | |

If you have any concerns throughout this year, please do not hesitate to contact me at the College. Please refer to the calendar on the last page of *The Harvest* for the dates of upcoming College events.

Michelle Café
Head of Senior School



YEAR 12 VALEDICTORY DINNER



Congratulations to the Year 12 class of 2016

AROUND THE SCHOOL



“Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.”

Proverbs 3:5-6 (NIV)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INSECT REPELLENT

Students are encouraged to bring their own supply of insect repellent to school. A reminder that this should be roll-on and not an aerosol can.

NOTICE TO WITHDRAW

Parents are reminded of their obligation to give the school one full term's notice, in writing to the Principal, if their children are not continuing at Kerang Christian College. The lack of one term's notice will result in the payment of one Term's Tuition Fees. It is also a legal requirement for you to inform us of the school to which your child's enrolment is transferring.

KEEP YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS UP TO DATE

If you have changed your email address recently or are unsure that your correct email address is on file at the School, please advise your correct details to: admin@kccs.vic.edu.au.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Parents need to notify the College by 9:30am if their child is going to be absent for the day. This assists our classroom teachers and Office staff. Thank you in advance for your support.

WORLD TEACHER'S DAY

Internationally World Teachers' Day is celebrated on the first Friday in October. However, as this is usually during Australian school holidays, Australia celebrates the day on the last Friday in October of each year. World Teachers' Day is an opportunity to acknowledge and celebrate the significant contribution of teachers in transforming the lives of children and young people by inspiring and nurturing their inherent capabilities to live fulfilling, productive and responsible lives.

We are blessed at Kerang Christian College to have high quality teachers, deeply committed to our students and constantly trying to best meet their learning needs. We give thanks to God for the great teachers we have here at Kerang Christian College.

Please continue to pray for our teaching staff at the College. We pray God will continue to bless them. We also give thanks for their unique talents and skills they use to bless our school community. We also pray God will protect them and keep them healthy during these upcoming busy few weeks.

If you have any opportunity to have a conversation with a teacher this week, this is a great opportunity to thank them for the great work they do for our school community.

Michael Bond
Principal

YEAR 6 GRADUATION

YEAR 6 GRADUATION Monday, 28th November 2016

The Year 6 Graduation Ceremony will be held in the Secondary School building at Kerang Christian College on **Monday, 28th November** at 7:00 p.m. and will conclude at approximately 8:15 p.m.

The evening will be an opportunity to recognise and celebrate the achievement of our Year 6 students as they graduate from Primary School. It is also an event that marks the transition of our Year 5 students as the new leaders of our Primary School in preparation for 2017.

ENROLMENT INFORMATION

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



Special Announcement

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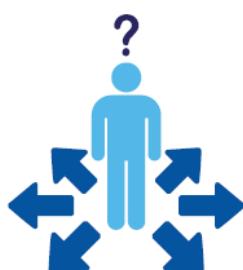
We know that developing a connected school community is important for the overall educational experience for our students. Whether you're interested in our curriculum initiatives, our student achievements or attending the next event at the College, you'll find an appropriate social site to follow here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

CALENDAR

October

- 25th – 26th Year 7 Camp
- 26th – 18th Unit 3/4 Examinations
- Mon 31st Mid-Term Break (No School)

November

- Wed 2nd Year 7 Orientation Day
- Fri 4th Northhaven Garden Party
- 14th – 17th Assessment Week
- 14th – 15th Year 7 – 10 Examinations
- Fri 18th Report Writing Day (Pupil Free)
- 21st – 24th Unit 2 Examinations
- Thu 24th Presentation Evening
- Mon 28th Year 6 Graduation
- 28th – 2nd VCE Orientation Week
- Tue 29th New School Prep Orientation (9am-12pm)

December

- Fri 9th Term 4 Ends at 3:20pm

MID-TERM BREAK

Monday, 31st October is a Mid-Term Break. There will be no classes on this day for staff and students. Unit 3/4 exams continue to run as scheduled.

NEWSLETTER INSERTS

- New Principal Announcement (Sent: 24/10)
- Unit 2 Psychology Informed Consent (Sent: 24/10)
- Year 12 Valedictory Dinner (Sent: 24/10)
- Northhaven Garden Party Consent

BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to:

- 26th Oct – Jett
- 28th Oct – Miss Stewart
- 29th Oct – Antonio
- 29th Oct – Hamish
- 2nd Nov – Abigayle
- 5th Nov – Ms Anderson
- 10th Nov – Mrs Pryor

PRAYER POINTS

- Please pray for our Unit 3/4 students sitting end of year examinations.
- We give thanks for a lovely time of celebration at the Year 12 Valedictory Dinner.
- Please pray for preparations for Term 4 events at Kerang Christian College.
- Please 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

CHARACTER FIRST

CAUTIOUSNESS

Knowing the importance of right timing in accomplishing right actions.

I Will Think Before I Act.

To think is to imagine, to reflect, to consider, to remember and to believe. Cautious children must take the time to imagine what will happen if they choose to act in a certain way. They must remember past circumstances and consider if they want to do the same thing again. Like a chess player, cautious children calculate their steps ahead of time and anticipate how others will respond long before they make their first move.

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