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Newsletter No.9

Principal's Chat:

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Members of the Kyneton High School Community,

As we come to the end of the most challenging of school terms in the history of education in Victoria and around the world, we can reflect with a sense of pride and thankfulness on the strengths that we have seen in our students, education staff, families and community. Together we have shown that we can respond with agility and resourcefulness to the rapidly changing circumstances caused by the pandemic. In doing so we can be confident that we have established a foundation for future responsiveness through the many lessons learned.

I would like to thank our school community for your readiness to work with us to support the continuation of learning for our students. This includes your understanding of the operational guidelines that we have introduced to ensure that we maintain a learning environment in which students and staff can stay safe and well. The communication between home and school enabled us to move effectively to remote learning and then back to on site learning. As a result the majority of students have settled well into their learning routines and we have been able to provide support for our more vulnerable students.

I would like to acknowledge and congratulate the Student Leadership Team for their presentations in Year Level Assemblies over the past week. They delivered a strong message about working together as a community of learners to respect our environment and set high expectations. Their courage in standing up to speak in front of their peers is highly commendable.

Finally, we extend our best wishes to staff who are going on leave. Teegan Swinden will be on family leave from the second week of Term 3. Mr Kristin Oliveri will take over her classes from the start of the term. Mr Jonathon Swan will replace Ms Swinden as the co-leader of Year 7(together with Ms Sharpe). Best wishes to Alyssa McNeilly who will be on leave during Term 3. We welcome back Cate Burton who will be taking over Ms McNeilly's responsibilities whilst she is on leave. Ms Burton's duties will also include supporting the senior team.

To our staff and students, I hope you all have a restful holiday with your families; this time, without the remote learning workload.



Delicious cake creations were made this week in Ms Hall's 9/10 Creative Cooking class (Pictures included in this edition)

Stay safe and well,

Ana Rees Executive Principal

Captains Report

As the term comes to an end, the student leadership team is running a casual clothes day, fundraising for Men's Mental Health Week, on the last day of this term.

To raise awareness for Men's Mental Health Week we encourage all students to wear something <u>blue</u>. The cost of participation is a gold coin, with all funds raised going toward this worthy cause.

Lastly, we would all like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday. We can't wait to see everyone get back on track for term three.

Best wishes from the college captains.

Hayden Clapham

Rules For Visiting The School

Due to the impact of COVID 19 we have had to place a sign on the front gate informing parents and visitors to the school that they cannot go beyond that point unless they have a pre-arranged appointment.

If you need to meet with a staff member please make an appointment and complete the COVID question page on arrival at the office.

For those parents needing to collect their student or give them a message, please call 5421 1100 to arrange this with the staff in the front office. We will send your student out to you at the front of the school once they have signed out.

Messages From Our Assistant Principal

Mobile phones for students are to be off and preferably in lockers throughout the day. We believe some students have been contacting parents via their phone instead of reporting to First Aid if they are unwell.

Students need to be in uniform. Please check your child is wearing correct school uniform each day. Track pants and hoodies <u>are not</u> allowed. Uniform items are available from the school for the old uniform and from Noone for the new uniform.

UPCOMING EVENTS

June	2020
Friday 26 th	Term 2 Finishes 2.25 pm
July	2020
Monday 13 th	Term 3 Commences
Mon-20 th –Fri 24 th	Year 9 Morrisby Sessions
Friday 24 th	Cycle 3 Reports published via xuno
Monday 27 th	Year 10 Immunisations
August	2020
Mon 3 rd - Fri 7 th	Yr 10 Course Counselling Week
Mon 10 th –Fri 14 th	Yr 8 + 9 Subject Selections
Friday 21st	Yr -8-11 Subject Selections Due
Wed 26 th –Thur 27	10 A Drivers Ed
Thur 27 th –Fri 28 th	10 B Drivers Ed
31st Aug-Sep 1st	10C Drivers Ed
September	2020
Wednesday 9 th	GAT (General Achievement Test) for all Unit 3-4 Scored Subjects
Wed 9 th -Fri 11 th	Year 8 Camp
Friday 18 th	Term 3 Finishes 2.25 pm
October	2020
Thursday 29th	Year 12 VCAL end of classes
November	2020
Friday 6 th	Year 11 VCAL end of classes
December	2020
Friday 4th	Year 12 Valedictory Dinner

Final results Wednesday 30 December.

It has been a very disrupted term and we hope to get back into our routines in term 3. For students this means meeting the daily expectations:

- Regular attendance
- Arriving to class on time and ready to learn with books, pens & laptop
- Using their locker for bag, phone and other books to protect belongings
- Wearing correct uniform
- Respectful behaviour towards others at all times
- Doing their best in their learning activities

Pam Macdonald-Assistant Principal

Making Music 'No Matter What!'

It's certainly been a challenging term for the music department at KHS, with all instrumental lessons going online from the first week of Term 2. Most of the holidays were spent working out how best to conduct the lessons, what technology we all had available, how many camera angles we needed, how the sound quality could be improved, what we could actually teach online and whether the Internet connection would actually hold up. Fortunately, most students were able to come on board, whether it be on phones, tablets or, as Callum had set up, a laptop AND iPad with multiple camera angles! (see below)

There were some obvious down sides to conducting lessons in this way - the time delay being the biggest hindrance, as it didn't allow for any ensemble playing. However, overall the experiment was a success, with all students progressing with their skills, and perhaps learning some new ones along the way (that they didn't particularly know they were going to learn in an instrumental lesson.) There was plenty of patience, perseverance and listening skills on display, along with self-reliance. While I can quite happily speak for the other instrumental teachers in saying that we don't want to go back there any time soon, the technology allowed us to keep doing the thing we love, at a time when so much of what we love doing, had been taken away.

Looking forward to Term 3 we hope that we can resume some of the ensembles we had going last year, and also to start up some new ones. Hopefully the Singing Sessions will resume on a Tuesday lunchtime. We are also looking to start up a marimba and percussion ensemble (but really anyone who plays an instrument would be welcome to this) and of course we will still have our piano, brass, woodwind and guitar lessons in full swing. We'll be excited to bring another Showcase in some form or other later in the year, so our budding musicians can present their many talents.

If your child would like to participate in the instrumental music program at KHS, don't hesitate to contact the office for an enrolment form. We have lessons available in brass, woodwind, percussion, drums, singing and guitar. We would particularly love to see some Year 7s come on board, as it has been such a disrupted start to their secondary schooling.

Juli Robinson-Piano Teacher



In the pictures above Callum used his iPad to see his piano teacher, Juli Robinson and MacBook to view the piano from above, so between the 2 of them they had 5 cameras operating!!!

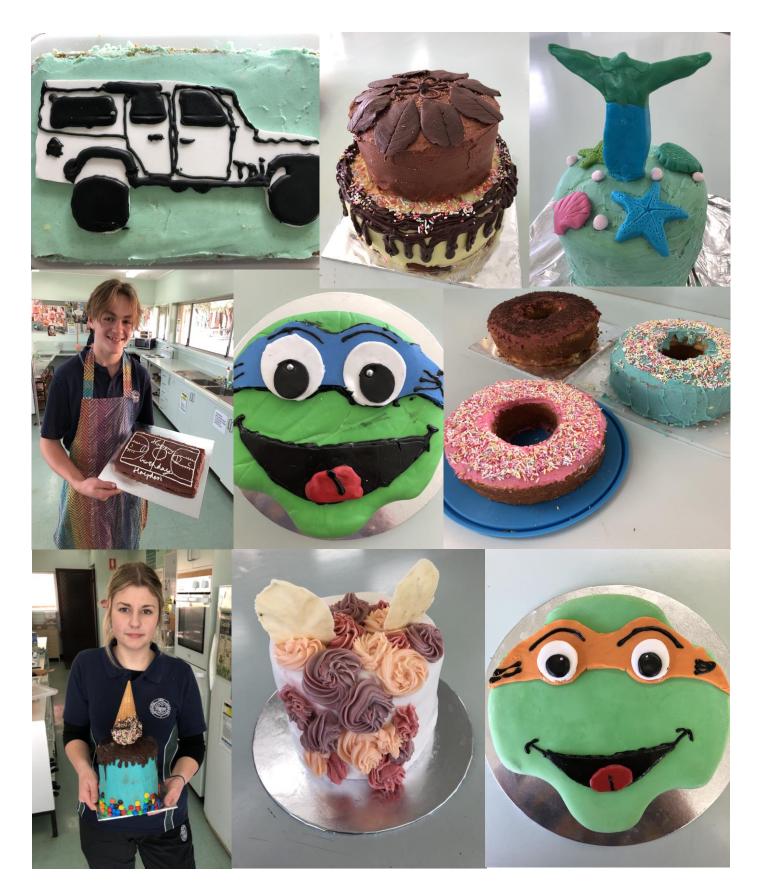
The following week he worked on a webcam over the piano so he could free up his iPad to look at his sheet music online, and both Callum and Juli could annotate the score from either end!!!

Such ingenuity Callum-so cool!!!

Creativity Abounds In The Kitchen

Year 9/10 Creative Cooking students combined their imagination and decorating talents to present some rather spectacular looking cakes this Wednesday.

Annie Hall-Classroom Teacher



Year 12

Students are currently exploring post school options through individual research and through career counselling sessions. These one on one sessions will continue through next term. A session on how to apply to TAFE and University courses will take place at the end of July. Term 3 will be a busy time choosing priority courses to place as preferences in VTAC applications and completing any required special consideration applications.

Year 11

Students started their Career Action Plans last week in the new online format along with considering any subject and program changes for next semester and 2021. One on one course counselling sessions will take place for any student wishing to have some support to make subject and course changes.

Year 10

All students have had a detailed pathway session in Careers looking at study options for years 11 and 12. Senior Information handbooks are being distributed this week for students to look over throughout the holidays. All year 10 students will have a one on one course counselling session in week 4 next term. After this session the students will be required to choose their subjects for 2021. Subject area videos will be created in order for students to get a better understanding of what each subject involves. Due to Covid-19 restrictions we may not be able to have parent attendance at these sessions. If you would really like to be part of this process, please feel free to email myself (Kate Sims) and we will try our best to accommodate this.

Year 9

In week 2 of next term all year 9 students will participate in the online Morrisby profiling. Students will receive a detailed report with the findings of this profiling. Commencing the middle of August all year 9 students will have an interview with a qualified external Careers Practitioner who will help the students understand and interpret their results. These sessions may be a mix of face-to-face or online sessions. At approximately the same time students will be choosing electives for 2021 and any student considering a 'step-up' subject (VCE or VET subject) will need to have a course counselling session.

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Term 3 is a busy term for the Careers and Pathways team, and we are having to come up with new ways of delivering information with less on-site parent involvement. We do however understand the importance of parents being involved in these processes and important decisions. We therefore encourage you to make contact with us at any stage with any big or small questions – we are more than happy to help.

Kate Sims (kate.sims@education.vic.gov.au

Lizzie Trembath (elizabeth.trembath@education.vic.gov.au)

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Dear Year 10 Students and carers

Thank you for all the resilience, support and kindness I have seen shared and experienced from you all during this very difficult term. I hope you all get to have a relaxing break and come back refreshed and ready for Semester 2.

There are a few dates for you to be aware of for Term 3: (see diary in this edition of the newsletter).

- **Course counselling** for year 10 will run the week starting 3rd August. Details will follow.
- The year 10 **Drivers Education Camps** for all year 10 students will be running between Wednesday the 26th of August until Tuesday 1st of September.

10A - Wednesday 26th – Thursday 27th August
10B - Thursday 27th - 28th August
10C - Monday 31st August - Tuesday 1st September

• Year 10 Formal will be held on the evening of Friday September 11. The \$20 cost will cover snacks, drinks and a DJ.

Rest up and enjoy this well-earned break!

Ms Chapman-Year 10 coordinator

Article From The Past

FAREWELL TO MR. C. J. BREEN AT K.H.S.

On Wednesday afternoon the Kyneton High School farewelled another teacher who is leaving to join the forces, namely, Mr. C. J. Breen, teacher of singing and voice.

The feelings of the school were given expression to by the head master, Mr. Stuart, who said that he had known Mr. Breen for ten years, and had always found him a jolly good fellow. This statement was heartily applauded by the pupils. Mr. Stuart, continuing, said that they were very sorry to lose Mr. Breen, but he did not think there was a teacher or pupil who would wish him to stay. On behalf of the school, he wished him "God-speed and a safe return." He could assure him of a most hearty welcome back.

Mr. Breen responded very feelingly. He said that he had known Mr. Stuart first as a friend, then as a fellow teacher, and lately as his head master. He appreciated the kind things that had been said. He was only doing his duty in giving his services to his country, and the most any man could give was his life, and that he was willing to give if it were necessary. He knew that when he was absent his fellow teachers and his old pupils would think kindly of him and wish him "God-speed and a safe return."

Kyneton Guardian 29th July 1915

Science Competition

Junior Science Olympiad Exam Competition

YR 7-10 Students - Junior Science Olympiad Australian Science Innovations have now introduced a Junior Science Olympiad Exam.

- REGISTRATIONS CLOSE: 14/08/20
- EVENT DATE: 21/08/20

Please see Ms Mason for more information.





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Community support contact numbers

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Where to access food

Financial assistance





Staying connected

Supporting young children

Supporting older children

LOCAL CONTACT DETAILS

- ଳ (03) 5422 0237 (MRSC) recovery@mrsc.vic.gov.au
- www.mrsc.vic.gov.au













HEALTH & WELLBEING INFORMATION PACKS

MACEDON RANGES

Do you or some-one you know need information or support to help them through the COVID-19 pandemic?

An information pack can be downloaded from the Macedon Ranges Shire Council website

If you have no/poor internet access, call Macedon Ranges Shire Council on 5422 0237 and an information pack can be posted to you.

