School Annual Report
An important part of engaging the school community in the annual reporting process is ensuring that the annual report is made available to members of the school community. Each year, school councils are required under legislation to conduct a public meeting with the school’s annual report presented by school council at this meeting. Our public meeting for the presentation of the 2013 Annual Report to the School Community is scheduled for Thursday 27 March. Parents and other interested parties are invited to attend this meeting which will be conducted in the staffroom at 6:30 p.m. We look forward to your attendance.

Little Scientists Program at John Monash Science School
On Wednesday the 19th of March, Tristan, Tatiana, Jessica and I went to the John Monash Science School. We examined good and bad bacteria. We looked at bacteria in old yoghurt and it looked like lots of tiny dots clumped together.

An experiment we did was mixing yeast and sugar in hot, warm and cold water then we put balloons on the jars to see what would happen. The cold water did nothing, the warm water made the balloon inflate and the hot water made the balloon go inside the jar!

We looked at how strong different antiseptics were. Some antiseptics were more effective at killing bad bacteria. There were two different bacteria, E.coli and staphylococcus. It was a fun day!

Science at Kambrya College
Science at Kambrya College is in full operation and our Year 6 students are thoroughly engaged in their learning! With their laboratory coats donned, the students took to the “hands on” experiment during their recent investigation titled, Rock and Dissolve. Their question was: “Can something as soft as rain dissolve something as strong as rock?”

Their investigations led them to test whether lemon juice, vinegar and water could dissolve other substances such as chalk [limestone]. With the hypothesis composed, the experiment was carried out and observations recorded. The ensuing discussion gave a fuller understanding of what was observed!

When you breathe out, you breath out a gas called carbon dioxide. When it rains, the carbon dioxide mixes with the rain which makes it acidic. The lemon juice and the vinegar represented the rain. Limestone, which is found in cliffs, contains a chemical called calcium carbonate and was represented by the chalk. When it rains, the acid erodes/dissolves the calcium carbonate found in rocks!

This was demonstrated in the experiment! AMAZING!!

By Zach
School Cross Country

Last Friday, the annual school cross country carnival was held at Brentwood Park Primary School. The day was fantastic with great endurance demonstrated by all the children taking part. The day was well supported by parents who came along to cheer and assist with marshalling. The day was running to schedule and was only interrupted slightly by the rain clouds which rolled in. A clap of thunder and heavy rain made all in attendance retreat to the cover of our gymnasium. The rain soon stopped, the clouds blew over and the running recommenced! It was great to see so many students representing their house teams by wearing the associated colours! A collage of photographs, capturing, in part, the event has been included in this week’s newsletter

Next term, on 19 May, the senior students will compete at the district level cross country.

Host Families Needed For New Exchange Students in 2014

There are girls and boys aged between 15 and 18 from exciting countries like Italy, Belgium, Germany, Holland, Switzerland, Brazil, Norway, Argentina, Finland and Austria hoping to come here to study for 3, 5 or 10 months from July this year and stay with a volunteer family that is willing to host and welcome them. If you feel you could do this for them for the length of their stay or even some of it, please contact Klaus Schumann on (03) 97584279 and let me know of your interest.

Klaus Schumann
WEP Community Coordinator

Make Your Place Their Second Home

World Education Program (WEP) is inviting Australian families to experience another culture within their own homes by becoming volunteer host families. Choose a student from Italy, Belgium, France, Switzerland, The Netherlands or South America and get a glimpse into the life of another culture without having to leave the comfort of your home! Our exchange students are just as excited about sharing their own culture and life experiences as they are about becoming a member of an Australian family.

Arriving in July

Antoine (17) from Belgium is hoping to improve his English language skills by coming on exchange to Australia. He has played social tennis for about ten years, been learning the guitar for the past two years, and been a scout for the past 10 years. Above all, his greatest passion is drawing. He has also been learning how to juggle, always carrying at least three juggling balls with him. He is looking forward to living with an Australian family and sharing his culture with you soon.

Isabella (16) from Italy has a strong passion for photography. In her free time she likes to go sightseeing, visit museums & art galleries, read, listen to music, and travel with her parents. She has said that travelling is her biggest passion and she can’t wait to live in Australia with her new host family. She is also musical and enjoys both singing and playing the guitar. In terms of sports, Isabella enjoys skiing. She also enjoys cooking. All in all, she is super excited to come to Australia, explore our culture, learn about our customs and live as an Aussie.

Find out more

Getting to know your student before he or she arrives brings fun and joy to everyone involved. Take the next step and contact WEP today to receive a full information pack for your family, including student profiles.

Sylvia Kelly
Manager - Inbound Exchange Programs
Phone: 1300 884 733
Email: info@wep.org.au
Online: www.wep.org.au
3LP AND 5HG MAKE RANGOLI MATS FOR MULTICULTURAL DAY

We enjoyed working with our buddies!

We were challenged to draw rangoli mats out the front of our classroom to welcome people into our class like the Diwali celebrations.
We start to head down the massive hill for the first time. It is taking forever. I can smell the forest trees and see the other school from Languarrrin, St. Judes in front of us. We finally get to the bottom and I hear Jack (the camp leader) tell us to sit down. He is explaining what we have to do and he says we have to hold hands with a boy from our group and go through a 1.7 km course without letting go. I am with Zach and we are going to run as fast as we can so we can let go from holding hands.

Jack lets us go and we run and run until Zach and I see a clay hill with a rope. The feeling of the clay on the hill was soft and squishy under my feet. We get over the hill and we see the next obstacle, a climbing wall and tyres which we have to walk on. We pass those, finally because there was a big traffic jam. We come to the part that I was looking forward to The MUD PIT! Zach slips in first and then I looked away and before I know it I am in the mud pit, it is so cold and then I feel water on my head, dirty muddy water on my head. I see Georgia in front of me and once again there is a BIG pile of mud on Georgia’s head and it stinks, really badly! I decide to run through the muddy water and then I get heaps of mud in my face. We pass that obstacle and we see the next clay hill. It is really big and once again there is a rope. Then we run and run and run up a big hill and mostly still holding hands but now with mud everywhere.

By Apryl 6JD

I was standing there, patiently getting strapped into a harness while nervously waiting to climb up the metal ladder. While climbing, I could feel the rusty ladder with my sweaty clammy hands and smell the fear of my suddenly awaiting death. Once I managed to climb to the top I saw the beautiful scenery and how high the tower really was. As I was going down, all I could taste was... Nothing! I finally got to the bottom of the abseiling tower and all of my nerves had vanished and I was so proud that I completed the abseiling tower!

Heath 6JD

I was in the recreation room sitting, nervously waiting to get up and sing. I was singing with Apryl, Katie and Indiah. Tj and Jayde were before us. They were doing hula-hooping. I was laughing. We got called up. I got up and started singing. I was shaking but I did it. After we finished, my group and I got a total score of 28. Now Brooklyn, Hailey and Georgia were up. They were singing really well. It will be a close one. They got their scores. It was... 28. It was a draw. I was very happy to see that we both won. In the end I was really proud of what my group and I achieved. Everybody had a fun time.

By Megan 6JD
Term 1
Week ending 21st March 2014

FTL Leigh For being super nice and a helpful member of FTL.

FBV Tashia For excellent reading skills.

F/1S Connor For wonderful ‘word watching’. Thank you for sharing with us!

1MM Darcy For writing an excellent recount about Multicultural Day! Well done!

1ER Will For showing great enthusiasm in all areas of your learning - Keep it up!

2RG Heath For his amazing cultural day outfit. Great thinking! Well done!

2MB Ausea For a very respectful and enthusiastic attitude at the Multicultural Assembly.

2/3C Luke For completing the Cross Country today. What a FABULOUS achievement. Well done!

3LP Raven For doing a FANTASTIC job creating your AWESOME adjectives page.

4CH Jake For excelling at his times table challenge. Well done!

4SM Jessica For ensuring all set tasks are completed properly within the allotted time.

4VK David For being a polite and considerate student.

5HG Zach For completing your tasks independently and with enthusiasm. We are so proud of you!

5LF Tarie For a fantastic week and being confident coming to class. Well done!

6TS Erythrina For completing the requirements of the Premiers’ Reading Challenge well in advance.

6JA Lewis For working with his buddy so well on Multicultural Day.

6JD Joshua For his fantastic efforts in the bush dancing & Bollywood dancing during Multicultural Week. Great job!

‘SPECIALIST’ Stars of the Week

Health & P.E. FBV For super dribbling skills in P.E.

Performing Arts 1ER For beautiful singing, counting the beats and playing the rhythm of “Star Light”.

Visual Arts 5LF For being well organised with materials & tools, for taking risks with their polystyrene designs and for creating interesting and unusual prints.
Kambrya College

Transition Information Evening

for Grade 5 and 6 students

No booking required to attend this event

Thursday 1 May
6:00pm - 7:00pm

The evening will commence in the IMAC centre

All parents and students are invited to attend
We look forward to meeting you on the evening

Additional School Tour Dates & Times:
To book a tour for one of the following dates please call 9707 7600

Monday 5 May at 4:00pm
Thursday 8 May at 4:00pm
Introducing our Newly Approved Department of Education

Select Entry Accelerated Learning (SEAL) Program
For high achieving students in 2015

The new Accelerated Program will:

- Be introduced at Year 7 in 2015
- Build on the outstanding success of our existing High Achievers Program
- Be delivered through a range of carefully planned accelerated, compressed and extension formats
- Utilise an externally assessed entry test to determine suitability for the program
- Provide an accelerated pathway to VCE studies and allow students to undertake university enhancement studies in Year 12
- Be run by a team of specifically trained teachers to provide challenging learning and ongoing support to students
- Allow students to pursue particular interests through broad elective and co-curricula programs beyond core academic studies
- Potentially save you thousands of dollars in non-government school fees

Kambrya College is a leading school in Berwick, with VCE ranking inside the top 20% of government schools! If you would like to find out more about our SEAL Program, please contact Joanne Wastie on 9707 7600 and come to our Year 7 Parent Information Evening to be held at 6.00pm on Thursday 1 May at Kambrya College.
Grade 6
Transition Tour and Information Sessions

Sessions available are
Morning 10:30am and Evening 6:00pm
Monday 28th April, 2014
Bookings are essential

For bookings go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au Event Code - YSXAF
Accelerated Learning Program

The Accelerated Learning Program provides a challenging and innovative curriculum (across Yr. 7-10), which engages highly capable students to excel in their academic studies. The program personalises learning for students who are "gifted and talented" delivering an accelerated Maths, Science, English and Humanities curriculum that encourages students to become independent, lifelong learners. In addition to academic excellence, social justice, leadership and being a global citizen are integral components.

The differentiated learning approach and academic features of the Accelerated Learning Program will heighten and expand students’ analytical and reasoning capacity with an explicit focus on teaching students to think critically, work collaboratively and develop higher order thinking skills across all subjects. This will contribute to the development of a rigorous and challenging academic culture that fosters exceptional student achievement and learning outcomes through to Yr.12.

Students will be expected to participate in an array of leadership, networking partnerships (external to the College) and academic competitions to heighten individual capacity.

Alkira Sports Academy

The Alkira Sports Academy (ASA) is a select entry sports program for students who show promise and commitment in sporting responsibilities external to school sport. It operates from Yr.7-12, with a timetable specifically designed to cater for the unique sporting needs of individuals, also enabling active participation in College experiences.

The Alkira Sports Academy caters for all sports by providing expert physical conditioning programs within specialist facilities and a personalised program, including:

- Mentoring on diet, media and peer pressure from professional athletes.
- Sports Academy camps.
- An Alkira Sports Academy uniform.
- A variety of excursions, elite sports training sessions and tours.
- An athlete friendly environment where teachers are aware of individual sporting commitments and allow for flexible learning approaches to be negotiated.

Further Information

The Accelerated Learning Program and Alkira Sports Academy Information booklet and 2015 (Yr.7) student enrolment application forms will be placed onto Alkira Secondary College’s website for students and parents to download from March 1st, 2014. All applications are due to the College by April 30th, 2014.

www.alkiraschool.com.au Go to the Enrolment tab then select the program.

Or Contact

Accelerated Learning Program- Mr. Paul Loomer (Assistant Principal)

Alkira Sports Academy- Mr. Vaughan Chaplin (ASA Junior Co-ordinator)
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Does your child hurt, intimidate or abuse you?
Do you feel you are losing control?
Want to better handle conflict?

“Dear Andy — How are you? Your mother and I are fine. We both miss you and hope you are doing well. We look forward to seeing you again the next time your computer crashes and you come downstairs for something to eat. Love, Mom and Dad.”

The Who’s in Charge? group is a 7-week program for parents or carers of young people (8 to 18) who are beyond control, violent or defiant.

The group aims to:
• Provide a supportive environment to share experiences and ideas
• Reduce the guilt and shame which most parents feel
• Offer ideas to help you develop individual strategies for managing your child’s behaviour
• Explore ways of increasing safety and wellbeing
• Help you feel more in control and less stressed

Starting — Tuesday 29th April 2014 @ 7pm - 9.30pm
Finishing — Tuesday 10th June 2014 (longer session)

At the Connections Narre Warren
55 Webb Street, Narre Warren 3805 (John Garrett Room)
Enquiries & Enrolment (essential):
Contact the Group Workers at Cranbourne on 5990 8400
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Further info on violence to parents: www.eddiegallagher.id.au
connections.org.au
Back to School in 2014! Be prepared for an Asthma Spike

What is the February asthma spike?

Throughout the year there are significant increases, or ‘spikes’, in asthma presentations to hospitals and emergency departments. Approximately 1 in 10 children in Australia have asthma, and for children and adolescents with asthma these ‘spikes’ usually occur towards the end of holiday periods as they return to school and preschool. A significant ‘spike’ in asthma presentations and admissions to hospital of children and adolescents, experiencing severe asthma exacerbations, occurs throughout the first few weeks of February.

Why does the spike occur?

While there have not been direct links established, the February ‘asthma spike’ is believed to be largely due to children and adolescents coming into contact with asthma triggers that they have had time away from, as they are now returning to school. Forgetting to take their medication, and poor medication adherence, also places students at an increased risk of asthma attacks when exposed to triggers.

Triggers that can be encountered are:

- Dust and mould spores from poorly ventilated, or insufficiently cleaned school rooms
- Respiratory viruses, such as cold and flu viruses
- Cleaning products that leave behind strong smells, aerosols or airborne dust
- Anxiety and stress due to returning to school

What can we do to avoid asthma exacerbations in our school?

- Ensure your school has a sufficient number of Asthma Emergency Kits
- Ensure that each Asthma Emergency Kits contain fresh and in-date reliever medication (e.g. Ventolin, Asmol or Airomir), spacers, record sheet and instructions detailing the emergency procedure
- Ensure student Asthma Action Plans are updated and returned to school
- Ensure staff education and training is current, arranging a free staff asthma education session as required for all new and ongoing staff
- Ensure your school’s asthma policy is current for both onsite and offsite situations, and first aid posters are displayed in key locations
- Ensure staff are aware of which students in their class have asthma, and know where Asthma Emergency Kits are stored
- Ensure all classrooms are opened, cleaned and aired out in the weeks before students return to school. A helpful technique can be to turn on all fans, as well as any heating/cooling systems, to begin to clear dust before students arrive.
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National Youth Week
4 - 13 April 2014

Friday 4 April
Celebrate National Youth Week
Hampton Park Youth Information Centre
2.30 pm - 5.00 pm
Come along and help celebrate the start of National Youth Week!

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Wednesday 9 April
Destination Wellbeing
Casey Fields, Crabonbury East
11.00 am - 1.00 pm
Join the City of Casey Mayor or Geoff Averitt along with the Youth Services team at Casey Fields to celebrate National Youth Week. Meet us at the Casey 360 at 11.00 am and join in the fun!

Ice cream Workshop and the Amazing Mr Twist
Crabonbury Youth Information Centre
2.00 pm - 4.00 pm
Come along and create your own yummy ice creams with fruit, toppings and other delicious treats, followed by the Amazing Mr Twist's magic and balloon twisting show.

Thursday 10 April
Hip Hop and Breakdancing Workshop
Blind Sight Community Centre
10.00 am - 1.00 pm
Learn the tricks of Hip Hop and Breakdancing from an expert instructor who will have you moving like a professional. Parents are invited to join us for a BBQ lunch at the end of the day.

Tuesday 8 April
Chill Out
Selander Community Place, Clyde North
1.00 pm - 4.00 pm
You are invited to a movie and popcorn afternoon at Selander Community Place, along with some fun activities to celebrate National Youth Week.

Amazing Race
Hampton Park Youth Information Centre
2.00 pm - 4.00 pm
Bring your friends and join us for an Amazing Race around the centre concluding with a final challenge and great prizes to be won!

Saturday 12 April
Rock 'n' Skate Festival - including a FREE Scooter, BMX and Skate Competition
The Shed Skatepark, Crabonbury East
10.30 am - 5.00 pm
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