School Council 2014
With School Council elections completed, the Annual General Meeting for the presentation of the 2013 Annual Report to the School Community and the election of office bearers for School Council 2014 was held.

The 2013 Annual Report provided succinct contextual information about the school and a brief discussion of the school’s performance and future directions. Commentary was presented on the school’s progress and what the school is doing to further improve upon the already positive student outcomes in the three student outcome areas of

- Achievement
- Engagement
- Wellbeing

The report was based on an analysis of the School’s Performance Summary data consisting of

- Teacher judgements of student outcomes against AusVELS in English and Mathematics.
- Year 3 and Year 5 NAPLAN data
- School attendance data
- Student Attitudes to School survey data

All in attendance found the session very informative and a positive attribution to the dedication of the school staff.

The 2014 School Council membership and office bearers are as follows –

Executive Officer: Jim Bell, Principal
Parent Representatives:
Lana Cairns, President
Sandra Prvulj, Vice President
Rachel Beechey, Secretary

Donna Foster, Melanie Cullen, Lyn Timmins, Barb Scott and Leonie Roberts

Community Representatives:
Paul Leys and Lauren Mortimore

Department of Education & Training Representatives:
Jenny Reid, Treasurer
Trish Shaw, Minutes Secretary
Lyn Forsyth and Catherine Murray

Following a brief interval, the first meeting of the newly elected school council was conducted. The meeting provided the opportunity for all in attendance to collectively view the ACARA My School website and to celebrate the positive achievements and growth in student learning which were detailed there.

The concept of Index of Community Socio-Educational Advantage [ICEA] value was clarified, as was the concept of “similar” schools. The NAPLAN data in its variety of forms – graphical, number, school and state comparisons, and student growth was retrieved and discussed in detail. Based on the positive results for student achievement in NAPLAN, the school’s “ranking” on the Better Schools – 2013 Top Primary Schools in VIC was noted.

Acknowledgement and thanks were made to retiring school councillors, Brett Wakeman and Yvonne Simpson. Unfortunately, Yvonne was unable to attend on the evening.

School Council is held twice a term or eight times a year. Parents who would like to view its operation are encouraged to attend meetings of their choice as observers.
School DISPLAN Activation

On Friday 28 March at 12:00 midday, the school’s DISPLAN alarm was sounded and with it, our school’s trial evacuation actioned! As procedure directs, all students, under the care of their class teacher, specialist teacher or adult supervisor calmly walked to the assembly point on the western side of our school oval where everyone was accounted for.

Children were surprised to see the fire truck and members from Berwick’s Volunteer Fire Fighters Brigade already in attendance! Gavin Blair, volunteer firefighter, was suitably impressed that our entire school could be fully assembled and accounted for within 4 minutes and 16 seconds.

We had intended for all of the Years F and 1 to be given the opportunity to see through the fire truck but while doing so, our volunteers were called away to an emergency!

Mini Farmers’ Market

With the produce from the school’s vegetable garden harvested by the Year 4 students and lunch prepared with some of it, the plentiful harvest resulted in the operation of a mini farmers’ market with our fresh produce sold to parents! At very competitive prices, cherry tomatoes, green capsicums and spring onions were sorted, packaged and sold!!

Easter Raffle

At Brentwood Park we have a wonderful group of parents on our fundraising team. One of the annual fundraisers is, of course, our Easter raffle and acknowledgement and thanks must be forwarded to Donna Foster, Sandra Pruvlj, Janine Russell and Daniella Stojnic for its organisation and the “making up” of the Easter Hampers! Thank you to the families who provided an Easter item for inclusion in the hampers and for purchasing the raffle tickets! Your support of the fundraising team’s efforts and of our school is greatly appreciated! Each class had at least three hampers for prizes with some having four or five!!!
Science at Kambruya

Can you see a chemical reaction?

That was the question posed to our students when they attended their extension science class at Kambruya last week. After reviewing the materials and method used to conduct their experiment, they were asked to record their hypothesis. What evidence would they record, if any, of a chemical reaction occurring?

Prior to commencing their experiment, our students were reminded of the expected safety requirements of goggles, gloves and a lab coat. In small groups, they mixed flour, salt, and water to form a dough mixture in a flat bowl. A small cylindrical plastic bottle was placed upright in the bowl and the dough mixture was moulded around the bottle to keep it in place and to resemble a volcano. Half of the bottle was filled with warm water. A few drops of food colouring and liquid detergent were added to the water in the bottle. Baking soda was added next before the final addition of vinegar. Results were quickly apparent as the coloured mixture formed bubbles and spilled over the top of the bottle.

Each student reviewed their hypothesis and recorded their observations. They were then presented with their next question. Why did a chemical reaction occur? They learned that:

- a chemical reaction is where one substance is chemically changed to another
- you can see, smell, hear or feel a change in the chemicals when a chemical reaction has happened
- mixing baking soda and vinegar results in a chemical reaction
- gas is created when baking soda and vinegar are mixed, and causes the ‘lava’ to be forced out of the bottle.

Conclusion of Term

With the first ten weeks of the school year behind us, much has once again been achieved and I thank all concerned for their accomplishments and efforts. Just in the last month, we’ve had our pirate day, student leaders’ presentations, student leaders’ forum, Coal Creek excursion, Year 6 camp, Multi-Cultural Day, Cross Country Run and Parent / Teacher Interviews! A very busy AND a very productive term!

As the term concludes, I wish everyone a relaxing school break, a happy Easter and a safe return to school at the commencement of term 2 on Tuesday 22 April.

Jim Bell, principal
Term 1
Week ending 28th March 2014

FTL Charlie For his great effort ‘sounding’ words when writing.
FBV Shae For listening to instructions when writing and using 2 fingers spacing. Well done!
F/1S Matilda For reading and spelling confidently the ‘yellow words’. Super work!
1MM Kate For using her time productively during morning reading and spelling.
1ER Mia For always being a great friend to everyone in 1ER - Thanks!
2RG Heath For his quick mental maths strategies in solving subtraction equations to 50.
2MB Emily For being extremely organised in all areas of her learning.
2/3C Brian For writing such creative multiplication stories. Well done!
3LP Brock For doing a FANTASTIC job with your weekly homework. It is always beautifully presented.
4CH Baylon For sharing your creative story ideas with the class. Well done!
4SM Emma For her kind and selfless nature. Thank you for being a caring friend.
4VK Senuth For his wonderful Rangoli designs.
5HG Kira For being a kind, caring and respectful student who tries her personal best. Keep it up!
5LF Tim For being super organised in all learning areas.
6TS Owen For being a sensible and reliable team member at Camp Rumbug.
6JA Heath For giving everything at camp a ‘go’ and having a super positive attitude.

‘SPECIALIST’ Stars of the Week

Health & P.E. 4SM For being so co-operative during P.E and the Fire Drill.
Performing Arts 5HG For recognising the changes in tempo in ‘Pick a Bale of Cotton’ and making a good effort to sing and play an accompaniment on tuned percussion instruments.
Visual Arts 5LF For working co-operatively as a team when sharing paint and finding interesting shapes, lines and patterns and for being well organised at the art room sink.
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 Wastle 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.
- 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.alkirasecondarycollege.com.au Go to the Enrolment tab then select the program.

Or Contact

Accelerated Learning Program- Mr. Paul Looker (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
Gold Coin Donation
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.

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

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.
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NATIONAL YOUTH WEEK
4 - 13 APRIL 2014

Friday 4 April
Celebration 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!
There will be a free BBQ, music, hula hoops, show bags and much more - including a visit from the Casey 360!

Fringe Fest - FReeZA live music event
Cranebourne Public Hall, Cranebourne
6.15 pm - 11.15 pm
Entry: $10 with a pass, $12 without
All ages event, Fully supervised, drug and smoke free.

Monday 7 April
Youth Centre Open Day
Hampton Park Youth Information Centre
11.00 am - 5.00 pm
Come along and join the National Youth Week festivities, whilst taking in everything the Hampton Park Youth Information Centre has to offer.

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.

Wednesday 9 April
Destination Wellbeing
Casey Fields, Cranebourne East
11.00 am - 1.00 pm
Join the Casey City of Casey Mayor Cr Geoff Abela 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
Hampton Park Youth Information Centre
2.00 pm - 4.00 pm
Come along and create your own yummy ice cream 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.

Friday 11 April
Ice cream Workshop and the Amazing Mr Twist
Hampton Park Youth Information Centre
2.00 pm - 4.00 pm
Come along and create your own yummy ice cream with fruit, toppings and other delicious treats, followed by the Amazing Mr Twist's magic and balloon twisting show.

Saturday 12 April
Rock 'n' Skate Festival – including a FREE Scooter, BMX and Skate Competition
The Shed Skatepark, Cranebourne East
10.30 am - 5.00 pm
Registrations 10.00 am
(Skate and BMX competitions organised by the YMCA South Eastern Skatepark Series).
7-Eleven slurpee voucher giveaways, great prizes, activities and art exhibitions in The Factory PLUS live entertainment for the whole family!

To find out more on other activities happening during National Youth Week including the Teenage School Holiday Program and Casey 360 locations, visit our website or facebook page!
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*Venue locations available online.

For more information please contact City of Casey Customer Service on 9705 5200 or visit our website: www.casey.vic.gov.au/youth

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Inner East
Local Aboriginal Education Consultative Group Meeting
LAECG

When: Tuesday 8th April
Where: Mullum Mullum Indigenous Gathering Place, 47 Patterson St, Ringwood.
Time: 12.30pm to 2.00pm

Local Aboriginal Education Consultative Groups (LAECGs) are voluntary bodies made up of local Aboriginal parents and community members and provide links between parents, community and schools.

If you would like to discuss the Inner East LAECG or have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact your local Koorie Engagement Support Officers on PH: 9265 2400.
Research into parenting children with type 1 diabetes.

The University of Queensland is conducting research into parenting children with type 1 diabetes. Parenting a child with diabetes presents many challenges (everything from the regular blood glucose monitoring and insulin intake, to more general parenting tasks). The aim of this study is to understand the factors that make the management of childhood diabetes particularly difficult, and to use this information to develop strategies that might assist parents in managing their child’s diabetes.

If you are a parent of a 2 to 10-year-old child with type 1 diabetes, we would love to hear from you!

By sharing your experiences (confidentially), you will be making a valuable contribution to the development of much-needed childhood diabetes management strategies for parents.

To complete the online survey, please log on to: https://exp.psy.uq.edu.au/type1diabetes

For further information about the project or to request a survey to be posted to you, please email Aditi Lohan (aditi.lohan@uqconnect.edu.au) or call (07 3365 7689) at the Parenting and Family Support Centre in the School of Psychology at the University of Queensland, St Lucia QLD 4072 (Fax: 07 3365 6724).

Thank you for your time and participation.

Aditi Lohan, Alina Morawska, and Amy Mitchell
UQ Parenting and Family Support Centre