

# KILLESTER COLLEGE

# newsletter



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## Prayer

*Bless this school,  
And the people within.  
May it be a school of peace for all.*

*Bless the classrooms,  
And playgrounds.  
May they be places of welcome,  
Friendship and learning.*

*Bless this place,  
And the soil and trees.  
May the environment be the hearth  
To welcome all.*

*Bless this school,  
And all within.  
May it be a place of love for all,  
Who enter.  
May it be a place of peace  
for all who enter  
May it be a place of joy  
for all who enter. Amen*

Be Strong  
Be Brave  
Be fearless,  
You are never alone. Joshua 1:9



## Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Friends,

Welcome to 2017. We have had a fantastic start to the year, welcoming 167 new Year 7 girls to our school community, as well as 22 girls across Years 8-12 who transferred into Killester. It was a pleasure to welcome all our Year 7s formally at the opening school assembly last Friday. Each girl was presented with her school badge followed by every Year 12 girl receiving her Year 12 badge. All students looked refreshed from their holidays and ready to take on the challenges this year will offer. We have 921 girls at Killester this year, which is the largest cohort in my 30 years at the school. Whilst it is not our intention to grow further as a school, the population will probably hover around this for a few years to come. One thing we don't want to lose is the sense of community that has been a feature of the school since its beginnings in 1955.

At our school assembly last week we also welcomed back our high achievers from the 2016 VCE cohort, who were presented with certificates to acknowledge their outstanding achievements. Special congratulations went to Emma Scully, our 2016 Dux, for achieving an ATAR score of 96.2. The VCE results of 2016 are detailed further in this newsletter. Another group of girls to receive badges were our School Committee Leaders for 2017. At Killester we don't have a single school captain to act as school leader, but follow a collaborative model of shared leadership. This comprises five committees – Arts, Student Council, Community Service, Celebrations and Sport, and each has a Year 12 and 11 Leader. This body of girls make up the Student Leadership Team and they meet fortnightly to discuss and plan events for the year. Every year level has a representative on each committee and all committees meet weekly to discuss, plan and organise. Next Monday all of the girls will participate in a Leadership Training Day, facilitated by Ms Doko. We thank all these students for taking on the commitment required to be on these committees.

Apart from welcoming new students last week, at our assembly we also welcomed the following new or returning staff to Killester:

### New Staff:

James Blanchfield, Maths and Science  
Troy Brodie, Health and Physical Education  
Judy Chea, Maths and Science  
Clare Compton, Student Services Coordinator  
Jenna Cronin, Drama, English and RE  
Bethany Dodgson, HEPE Trainee  
Frances Flanagan, Staff Development Coordinator  
Brigitte Garofalo, RE and Humanities  
Catharine Georgiou, English, Humanities and RE  
Isabelle Maroun, English and RE  
Paul Miller, Maths  
Geraldine Nunn, Humanities and English  
Daniel Pike, IT Technician

### Returning Staff:

Daisy Callos, Project  
Jo Camilleri, Project

## The Week Ahead

FEBRUARY	
<b>Monday 13th</b>	Open Morning 9:00am-9:30am Student Leaders Training Day
<b>Tuesday 14th</b>	Stewardship Council 7pm
<b>Wednesday 15th</b>	Yr 12 Art NGV Excursion 12:35pm-4:30pm
<b>Thursday 16th</b>	Yr 9 Parent Night 7pm
<b>Friday 17th</b>	Whole School Swimming Carnival Yr 7 2018 Enrolments CLOSE

**YEAR 7 2018 ENROLMENTS CLOSE  
FRIDAY 17TH FEBRUARY**

## Winner of the AFL Multicultural Jumper Design Competition

In 2016, Lisa Tran, an intermediate VCAL student, won the AFL Multicultural footy design competition. The design was printed onto a jumper to promote multiculturalism in Australia.

The school would like to congratulate Lisa Tran for her creativity and helping to *promote Multiculturalism*.



## Principal's Message Cont.....

Over the next few weeks parents are asked to attend Conversation Evenings for their daughter's year level. We will start next Thursday with Year 9. There will be a number of occasions when we invite parents to school functions. Whilst it is not always possible to attend all of these, especially those during work hours, these meetings over the next few weeks should be a priority. Parents and teachers meeting together sends a clear message to the girls that they, and their education, are important. Additionally, there will be times during the year you need to contact to the school. To assist you with this, we have included in this newsletter a directory of who to go to for what.

Our school theme for this year is based on the value of courage, which is one of the six values Kildare Ministries' schools and community works seek to live out. The full value is: Courage – Speaking and Acting with Integrity. The student leaders and staff explored this at the end of last year and decided on the theme: Encourage Courage. The girls have begun exploring the idea of courage in their RE classes. True courage requires a degree of risk and vulnerability. It also requires inner strength. There are often many wonderful examples of courage in the news. Our aim is to understand how courage can exist in the everyday small ways of life and to recognise when we are able to encourage others to be courageous. As opportunities arise across the year this could be a great conversation at home.

I look forward to meeting you across this year, and supporting your daughters in their education here at Killester.

Leanne Di Stefano  
Principal

## A Few Reminders

Welcome back to the new school year.

Students are reminded that the jumper is never to be the outer garment when arriving at or leaving the College. The blazer is always to be the outer garment unless it is over 30c, when the dress only may be worn.

They are also reminded of safety when using the pedestrian crossing. Please follow the crossing guard and do not short cut in front to cars on Springvale Road, even if they are stationary.

The Year 9 Parent Night will be on the evening of February 16. Mr Andrew Bertschik, Student Development Leader for Year 9, will be sending a letter to all parents regarding the details of this meeting, so please keep an eye out for it coming home via your daughter.

The Annual Swimming Carnival is Friday February 17th at Noble Park. Parents are reminded of the need to sign in at the entrance if you visit on the day.

Best wishes  
Loreto Cannon  
School Organisation and Community Development

## 2017 VCAL Leaders

I am pleased to announce that Amanda Tran is the VCAL Student Leader and Linda Neemia is the VCAL Support leader for 2017. Their role is to support VCAL students and to promote VCAL. Well done!

Mrs Wilman  
VCAL Co-ordinator



## Year 7 Vaccinations in 2017

The Secondary School Vaccine Program offers free vaccines to Year 7 students. These vaccines provide protection against:

- Diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis (whooping cough) – one dose
- Human Papillomavirus (HPV) – three doses
- Varicella (chicken pox) – one dose

Parents/guardians of Year 7 students should look out for the vaccine consent card booklet, which you received as part of your Enrolment Information package. You need to read the booklet and complete and return Part A regardless of whether your child is being vaccinated at school.

The Greater City of Dandenong immunisation service may contact you about the Secondary School Vaccine Program. Schools are authorised to provide basic parent/guardian contact details to local councils for this purpose. To learn more about the Secondary School Vaccine Program, the vaccines, the diseases they protect against, or how you can prepare your child for vaccination, go to [betterhealth.vic.gov.au](http://betterhealth.vic.gov.au) or [immunehero.health.vic.gov.au](http://immunehero.health.vic.gov.au)

## Killester VCE Results 2016



The Dux for 2016 was Emma Scully (pictured above) who achieved an ATAR of 96.2.

125 students were enrolled in VCE with a further six students enrolled in VCAL. The Highest Individual Score in a subject by Year 12 students were Sharon Lee, who received a study score of 48 for Psychology and Charlene Fernando, who received a study score of 48 for English.

Of the VCE cohort the ATAR results were as follows:

Percentage of students with an ATAR score above 90	9.8%
Percentage of students with an ATAR between 80-89	15.4%
Total Percentage of students with an ATAR above 80	25.2%
Percentage of students with an ATAR score between 70-79	25.2%
Percentage of students with an ATAR score between 60-69	13.8%
Number of individual study scores of 40 or above	5.3%

### VCE Destinations:

- 87 students our students have chosen to attend university
- 24 have chosen a TAFE pathway
- 1 didn't put in a preference
- 5 unknown

### VCAL Destinations

- 3 attending TAFE
- 1 began Traineeship
- 1 attending a support programme
- 1 student commenced employment

The range of tertiary courses included: Engineering, Biomedical Science, Pharmacy, Arts, Entertainment Management, Health Sciences & Nursing, Law, Commerce/IT, Science, Education Primary & Secondary, International Studies, Business, Marketing, Visual Arts, Interior Design, Fashion & Costume Design, Media and communication, Environmental Management, Tourism, Laboratory Medicine, Software Engineering, and Criminology/IT.

## 2017 Term 1 – Student Calendar (As at 10/02/17)

Wk	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat/Sun	
	Jan 16 Office Staff Return	Jan 17	Jan 18	Jan 19	Jan 20	Jan 21/22	
	Jan 23	Jan 24	Jan 25	Jan 26	Jan 27 POL Staff Begin	Jan 28/29	
	Jan 30 Teaching Staff return	Jan 31	Feb 1	Feb 2	Feb 3 Students Return Opening School Assembly Student Photos	Feb 4/5	
1	Feb 6 Open Morning D1	Feb 7 D2	Feb 8 Swimming trials (Yr 7 only) D3	Feb 9 D4	Feb 10 D5	Feb 11/12	
2	Feb 13 Open Morning Student Leaders Training Day D6	Feb 14 Stewardship council D7	Feb 15 Yr 12 Art Excursion to NGV D8	Feb 16 Year 9 Parent Night D9	Feb 17 Swimming Carnival Yr 7 Applications close 2018 D10	Feb 18/19	
3	Feb 20 Open Morning Yr 12 Parent Night D1	Feb 21 Yr 11 Parent Night Yr 9 Visual Arts Excursion D2	Feb 22 Yr 7 Parent Night D3	Feb 23 Yr 9 OED Day Walk D4	Feb 24 D5	Feb 25/26 Enrolment Interviews	
4	Feb 27 Open Morning Yr 10 Parent Night Yr 8 Beach Day D6	Feb 28 Peer Support Training D7	March 1 Ash Wednesday Mac Attack 7- 8.30pm D8	March 2 Yr 8 Parent Night D9	March 3 Yr 7 Immunisations D10	March 4/5	
5	March 6 Open Morning D1	March 7 Opening Mass P3&4 D2	March 8 Yr 7 Camp D3	March 9 Yr 7 Camp D4	March 10 Yr 7 Camp PAT testing D5	March 11/12	
PAL CYCLE 1	6	March 13 Labour Day D6	March 14 Yr 10 work Ed Year 11 ACT trip Year 12 PD day D7	March 15 Year 10 Work Ed Year 11 ACT trip Yr 12 Retreat D8	March 16 Yr 10 Work Ed Yr 11 ACT trip Yr 12 Retreat SCSA Swim/Dive Yr 9 OED camp D9	March 17 Year 10 Work Ed Yr 11 ACT trip Yr 12 Retreat Yr 9 OED camp D10	March 18/19
	7	March 20 D1	March 21 Stewardship council SCSA Indoor Cricket D2	March 22 D3	March 23 D4	March 24 School Assembly (Yr 12) P4 D5	March 25/26
	8	March 27 Casual Day House Athletics meetings (Wed bell) D6	March 28 Student learning Conversations 3.30pm to 6.30pm D7	March 29 STUDENT FREE Student Learning Conversations 12.00pm to 8.00pm D8	March 30 Yr 7 Rally Day P1&2 D9	March 31 Liturgy Term 1 Concludes 3.15pm D10	April 1/2

## “Nurturing a Healthy Community”

### TERM 1 AND 4 SUMMER CANTEEN MENU 2017

This canteen menu has been developed after consultation with the 2008 Student Committees and is designed to follow the “Go for your life” Healthy Canteen guidelines, where foods are divided into 3 categories:

- GREEN: Everyday foods
- YELLOW: Select carefully foods - occasionally only
- RED: Limited availability - twice per term only

ORDER ONLY		OVER THE COUNTER SALES	
BREAD ROLLS, SANDWICHES			price
<i>All wholemeal/whole grain</i>			
<i>Hommus or Tzatziki spread replaces margarine (please specify)</i>			
	Price		
■ Ham	\$2.70	■ Flavoured Big M UHT 250 ml	2.00
■ Chicken	\$3.20	■ Flavoured Big M 300 ml Fresh	2.40
■ Cheese	\$1.50	■ Flavoured Big M 600 ml Fresh	3.60
■ Egg and Lettuce	\$2.50	■ Up and Go - 250ml	2.30
■ Vegemite	\$1.50	■ Daily Juice - Apple, Orange, Apple & Breakfast 500 ml	2.50
■ Tuna	\$3.00	■ 110 ml Juice Cups - Apple or Orange	0.70
■ Any Meat and Salad	\$4.00	■ Tetra Juice Pack 250ml	1.50
■ Salad	\$3.20	■ Dr Smoothie - varied flavours 350ml	3.00
<b>Extras:</b>			
■ Cucumber, Carrot, Beetroot, Lettuce, Tomato	0.30 each		
■ Pizza (Margherita or BBQ Chicken)	\$3.40	■ Fresh Fruit (in season)	0.70
■ Noodles	\$2.50	■ Fresh Fruit Salad	3.00
<b>CHICKEN SUB</b>	\$4.50	■ Goulburn Valley Cool fruit tubs	2.00
<b>VEGIE BURGER</b>	\$3.50	■ Fresh/Frozen Yoghurt	2.20
<b>FRITTATA:</b> Asian Chicken & Corn or Vegetable	\$4.50	■ Quelch Fruit Tubes	.50
<b>WRAPS:</b>	\$4.50	■ Banana Bread	2.50
■ Chicken, Cheese and Avocado		■ Dried Fruits	1.00
■ Ham and Salad		■ Nuts	2.00
■ Turkey, Cranberry, Swiss Cheese and Spinach		■ Cheese Snack pack	2.50
		■ Tuna Snack pack	2.80
		■ Sarah Lee Muffin	2.80
		■ Breggie Bakes (Bacon & Cheese/Feta & Spinach)	3.50
		■ Piranha Snack	1.50
		■ Koala Popcorn	1.50
<b>CAN BE ORDERED OR SOLD OVER COUNTER</b>			
<b>**California Rolls (sushi)</b>			
available Monday, Wednesday & Friday in Term 1 & 4			
■ Tuna	\$2.80		
■ Chicken	\$2.80		
<b>SALAD/FRUITS &amp; VEGETABLES</b>			
	Price		
<b>Fruit pack</b>			
■ summer fruits (in season)	\$3.00		
<b>Salad Plate</b>	\$3.00		
■ with ham	\$4.50		
■ with tuna	\$4.50		
■ with chicken	\$4.50		
■ with egg	\$4.00		
<b>Veggie Pack</b>			
■ Celery and carrot sticks with dip (taz or hom)	\$2.50		

Bags can be bought from Canteen before school 4 for 20 cents. Name, class, order and amount enclosed to be written on bag. Strictly ONE lunch order per bag. Correct money if possible. No large notes please. Change available from Canteen from 8.00 a.m. Place in basket in homeroom.

*Please keep this menu as you will need it again in Term 1 2017*



# FAMILY LEARNING CENTRE PROGRAM TERM 1

## CONVERSATION ENGLISH CLASSES AT KILLESTER ON MONDAYS

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- Conversational English Classes will be held on Mondays from 9.30am to 11.30 am.
- They will be held in the Family Learning Centre. Please report to the reception when you come into the school.
- Classes start on Monday 13th February 9.30 am. The classes will run each Monday till the end of term
- The classes will be conducted by tutors from the Adult Multicultural Education Services in Springvale. (AMES)
- Please bring a pen and an exercise book or note pad.
- Classes are free. There is no cost to participants
- All parents and families of Killester and wider community are welcome to join these classes.

## MAC ATTACK – MANAGING THE APPLE MACS AT HOME

**WEDNESDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 7.00PM – 8.30PM IN THE FAMILY LEARNING CENTRE**

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**All parents are invited to attend this parent forum about how to best use the computer in the home.**

- How can you best support your daughter to use her computer to enhance her learning?
- How are the computers used in the classroom?
- Can Parents have any control over how computers are used at home?
- What's the best way to do this?
- Must all Homework be done on the computers?
- What about issues of safety and misuse?

Mr Richard Kelleher, e-Learning Coordinator at Killester will be the guest speaker.

The Family Learning Centre is running this free session on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March from 7.00pm to 8.30 pm to discuss these questions and provide you with lots of options and support.

Interpreters will be available

All parents of Killester are welcome to attend.

## CERTIFICATE 3 BUSINESS COURSE CONTINUES

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This course resumes for 2017 on Monday 6th February from 9.30 am to 1.30 pm each fortnight for parents who have already enrolled in this course.



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## KILLESTER COLLEGE TENNIS COACHING

### PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS – 2017 – Term 1

First Term coaching lessons for 2017 will commence on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February and will end on Friday, 31 March. Tennis coaching this year is taken by Stephen Sruk, who was a member of the winning 1997 State Grade Pennant team for Dendy Park and in 1999 played in the winning State Grade team for Royal South Yarra. Stephen also won the Victorian Hardcourt Singles Championships in 1995 and was runner-up in 1997. He is a registered T.C.A.V. and Tennis Australia Club Professional Qualified Coach.

Classes will be conducted on Monday to Friday, lunchtimes from 12.40pm. The lessons will be 45 minutes in duration but alternative times and days can be arranged.

The cost for the eight week term will be **\$80.00** for a tennis lesson each week (consisting of maximum six students per group).

New students will be placed into groups with vacancies. You will be informed of available time slots when the reply slip is returned to Stephen or school office.

If you would like some more information or interested in having tennis lessons, contact Stephen Sruk – Mobile Phone 0419 311 291 by Friday, 18 February so that groups and times can be arranged according to available time slots.

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### REPLY SLIP

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ CLASS \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE NO. \_\_\_\_\_ ROOM NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**EXPERIENCE:** Beginner                      Intermediate                      Advanced  
(Please circle one answer)

**PREFERRED DAY, IF AVAILABLE:**