

KILLESTER COLLEGE

newsletter



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10th March 2017

Prayer

Lent is a time of reflection and preparation for Easter. We may perceive Easter as an occasion where we indulge in chocolate eating and bunny rabbits. However, Lent and Caritas remind us to live simply so that others may simply live.

During the first week of Lent, help us to bear in mind that Jesus travelled through the desert to reflect and turned away from temptation. May we reflect as Jesus did and give us the strength and power to encourage courage in ourselves and others during this Lenten journey.

Amen.



Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Friends,

I am pleased to have been given the opportunity to write this message on the Principal's behalf because it grants me the opportunity to give thanks. As a new staff member to the Killester College community I feel overwhelmed with gratitude to the students and staff who have welcomed me. Welcoming is not just the official task of introductions or the ceremonies that acknowledge new staff and students, it is most importantly lived in the way we interact with each other. The Brigidine value of 'welcoming all' is lived in the eye contact made in the hallways, the "Good Mornings" cheerfully exchanged on the stairways and the friendships offered to those who have recently arrived. For all the kindness that has been shown to all those who are new to Killester, I am grateful.

As the 'newness' of the 2017 school year starts to wear off, the excitement subsides and the challenges begin. Our VCE students have already undertaken their first assessment tasks, our VCAL students have run their first whole school event, our year 7 students have gone on camp; our girls are facing the fullness of school life in all its facets. Good luck to our students as they encounter more opportunities to demonstrate their courage throughout the school year.

Congratulations to our young women who embraced the opportunity to celebrate International Women's Day. In remembering the trials women faced in the past, and in celebrating those who have overcome atrocities through 'encouraging their courage' we hope to play our part in raising a generation of women who will continue to see that their worth is not negotiable. Thank you to Maree Edwards, Jessica Hackett and Lynn Diep for their work.

The College celebrated its Opening Mass on Tuesday. Thank you to Father Brian, Peter O'Neill, Leanne Furlong and Jessica Hackett for providing one of the richest liturgical experiences I have ever witnessed; alive and warm it was wonderful. The Prayers of the Faithful beautifully expressed our community's hopes and desires for "the most vulnerable in our local and international communities". Their wish that "our world leaders will be courageous, confident and patient in their decision-making" reflected an understanding of the complex world that we live in and the need for prayer in order to improve the reactionary leadership that I sometimes modeled. In asking God to "show us the way to work together to reach our full potential" the girls beautifully expressed their commitment to being members of our community of learners.

Best wishes for the coming week to you and your family,

Frankie Flanagan
Staff Development Coordinator

The Week Ahead

MARCH	
Monday 13th	NO SCHOOL LABOUR DAY HOLIDAY
Tuesday 14th	Swimming Training 7:00am-8:30am Yr 12 PD Day Yr 11 ACT Trip Yr 10 Work Education
Wednesday 15th	Yr 12 Retreat Yr 11 ACT Trip Yr 10 Work Education
Thursday 16th	Yr 12 Retreat Yr 11 ACT Trip Yr 10 Work Education Yr 8 LOTE Incursion All Day SCSA Swimming/Diving 4:30pm
Friday 17th	National Ride to School Day Yr 12 Retreat Yr 11 ACT Trip Yr 10 Work Education Yr 12 Leadership Program Monash 9:00am-3:15pm

Easter Egg Donations

All students are asked to donate ONE EASTER EGG each for the annual fundraiser raffle.

Please give eggs to your Homeroom teacher or Student Development Leader



Winter Uniform - Term 2

All students are required to wear FULL WINTER UNIFORM from the commencement of Term 2. This can be purchased from:

Buxwear, 8/169 Dandenong Road, Dandenong
Phone: 9792 0424

Out and About.....

The middle of Term 1 is always a time for action in any school. It is camps time!

On Tuesday, the day before the Year 7s headed off on camp to Phillip Island, we had the Opening Mass. It was a wonderful service put together by Mr Peter O'Neill, Ms Lee-Anne Furlong, Ms Jess Hackett, Mr Bernie Hickey, Ms Katy Addis, Mrs Shari Bhatt and the Choir. Thanks to Fr Brian for his message regarding courage and what it means in our lives. Newsletter Article:

After Mass we continued the theme of 'welcoming all' by heading down to the oval for a BBQ lunch together. Thanks is extended to the Killester Involvement Committee for their assistance with the BBQ, also to the maintenance guys, Samantha Campion. The canteen ladies, Sandra Rotunno, Sue Douglas, Maryann Gauci and the team of support staff who assisted.

The Year 7s are enjoying their time in the sun and surf and we are sure they will have many tales to tell when they return.

Next week the Year 10s will have Work Experience and Pathways workshops and guest speakers. The Year 11s will head to Canberra and the Year 12s will be on Retreat at Blampied.

The SCSA inter-school swimming team will compete on Thursday night and wish them well.

Enjoy the long weekend break and best wishes.

Loreto Cannon

School Operations and Community Development

From the Finance Office

Fees

A friendly reminder that unless you have a confirmed instalment payment arrangement with the College, the due date for payment of fees was 28/2/17 and all fees are now due and payable. If there is some difficulty in managing this payment, please make an appointment with the Business Manager, Sandra Rotunno, to discuss other payment options.

CSEF

If you currently hold a valid Health Care Card or Pension Card you are eligible for the CSEF (Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund) payment from the State Government. To receive this payment, (that will be credited to your fee account), you will need to come to the Finance Department of the school front office and complete an application form. You need to present your concession card when submitting the application. If you are eligible and have not submitted a form as yet, please do so as soon as possible to receive the allowance.

Library News

Greater Dandenong Libraries have so much on offer - All for free.

From Robotics, Makerspace activities, Crystal Chemistry and an Art series with practising artist Grace Fraraccio; there are so many after hours activities at the two locations. All are free and most do not even require bookings.

Members of the Killester community - young and old - are encouraged to check out the website to see what is on offer. <https://goo.gl/OZ6VMi>

Peer Support Program

Our Year 10 Peer Support Leaders have been busily preparing for the commencement of the Peer Support Program. This program provides peer support for our Year 7 students to assist them with the transition from primary to secondary school. Last week the Year 10 Peer Support students participated in a full day of training and planning conducted by The Stride Foundation.

The Year 10 Leaders will be working in teams to conduct sessions on issues such as communication skills, values, self esteem, making friends and self awareness. It was not long ago that the Year 10 students were in Year 7 themselves and they can clearly relate to the worries, stresses and challenges the Year 7 students may be experiencing as they settle into a new school.

The Year 7 students return from their Orientation Camp this week and the Year 10 students will begin the Peer Support Program next week with a session each week for ten weeks.

Our Peer Support Leaders are very excited to be welcoming and guiding the Year 7 students in becoming new members of our school community.

Luana Doko
Student Wellbeing Coordinator

On Tuesday 28th February about 40 girls were picked to be a leader for Peer Support and had a training lesson for the whole day. In this lesson we had an instructor who taught us many things on how to deal with situations if ever in need. We also participated in games/activities that made us think about why these games/activities that we did were so important to do with the Year 7s so that each student will have a better understanding of each other and make new friends. My highlight for the day was learning new things about each other that we didn't know before by playing games and having fun. Each student is excited to participate in such a great program that will run for ten weeks and help out the new Year 7 for their first year of high school.

Kiana Byrnes
Year 10 St Michael

Last Tuesday, on the 28th of February, some Year 10s had Peer Support training. During this, we learnt useful leadership skills to assist younger students within the school. We did many different activities as examples of things that we could do with the Year 7s during Peer Support. Most of the activities included getting to know each other and the new environment around them well. We learnt how to handle issues, manage groups of kids and different communication skills. Overall, the day was a success and we took out a lot of useful information to help the Year 7s with when the time of Peer Support rolls around.

Aaruni Siventhirakumar and Stefina Lawrence
Year 10 St Margeret





Lab Skills Excursion

On the 23rd February, the Laboratory Skills girls had the opportunity to drive out to Swinburne University and learn about techniques and preparations performed in the laboratory. When we arrived, we were introduced to Valup and Ron, who were to be our instructors for the day. We started off the day by learning about aseptic techniques, a topic which we were to learn for our microscopic area of study. Lab coats, gloves, goggles and masks were put on and we began our experiment. Valup explained to us that we would be making agar plates and cultivate bacteria on them. Turning on and lighting the bunsen burner was slightly daunting for many of us, but after initial weariness, we all tried to follow the instructions to the best of our abilities. To make agar plates, we had to pour liquid nutrient agar evenly into petri dishes. This was to be one of the environments our bacteria would grow on. There were many varying types of bacteria we had inoculated onto our agar such as yeast and bacillus subtilis, which we either used in a broth media or the solid media we created. We were able to use an inoculation loops for the first time, to obtain some bacteria to place in the mediums. We were taught two techniques to spread the bacteria: spreading and streaking. Spreading as simple as it sounds; the bacteria is spread on the agar as evenly as possible. Streaking on the other hand, needed a little more technique. It starts with spreading the bacteria on a quadrant of the dish in a zigzag pattern and sterilising the loop before turning it 45° to repeat the action, starting at the previously streaked section. The purpose is to create isolated colonies of bacteria for us to examine under microscopes. Throughout all these steps, we were careful to keep our work stations aseptic, so other bacteria did not contaminate our samples. After this, we were taught how to gram stain, which involved putting bacteria on slides and dyeing them in different chemicals to make them gram positive or negative. It was an extremely enlightening experience, and we couldn't wait to get back to school and try it again.

Sharon Ly
Year 12 St Joseph

Year 11 Visual Communication and Design

On Thursday 9th March 2017 the Year 10 VCD Killester Girls went to the National Gallery of Victoria to learn about NGV's new logo and brand identity. Ingrid was our NGV Educator to explain the process of how NGV's new logo came to be and how it has been applied to a range of products and to the building to create a brand and identity. Ingrid showed us NGV's past logos and discussed the components of the old and new logo. She also talked about why branding is so important and why NGV had decided to change their logo. She mentioned how the exterior and interior signage on the building changed each time to fit with the style of each current logo. Ingrid walked us through the NGV showing us where the new logo has been incorporated. We also had a chance to look at all three fields of design. The first field of design was Communication Design which was Graphic Design in the form of logo design and branding with the application of design elements and principles. The second field of design was the Environmental Design which was situated in the outdoor courtyard. The temporary structure was in the area of Architecture, based on the design of an existing car wash. Each 'bay' had its own characteristics in bright pink, red and white making the outdoor space fun and lively. The final field of design was Industrial Design, this was represented through the new exhibition 'Creating the Contemporary Chair-The Gordon Moffatt Gift' that displayed unique chairs made out of a variety of materials such as stuffed toys, ropes and more. Through this excursion we have learnt about the involved and time consuming procedure of re-branding, and the design of a new logo and how it is applied to create a new corporate identity. The Year 10 VCD girls had an enjoyable experience at the NGV, and would like to thank Ingrid for taking time out of her schedule to teach us about the importance and process of branding.

Stella Chau, Year 10 St Anne
Anita Thuon, Year 10 St Michael





FAMILY LEARNING CENTRE

CONVERSATION ENGLISH CLASSES AT KILLESTER ON MONDAYS

- 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

RSVP your attendance by clicking on link below
rvanlangenberg@killester.vic.edu.au

CERTIFICATE 3 BUSINESS COURSE CONTINUES

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.

SENIOR MATHS CLUB

Every Thursday Lunch
In BR04 for all
Yr 10, 11, 12



Come along and enjoy Autumn Fest, a fun day out that your whole family and four legged friends will enjoy! Featuring live music entertainment, roving performers, workshops and family activities, including games, backyard sports, workshops, arts and crafts, circus play, pet services and activities, jumping castle and much more! Fun for everyone!

Event highlights

- Special Under 5s World
- Interactive workshops
- Family activities
- Sports and games
- Cultural arts activities
- Dog activities
- Food and market stalls

For more information regarding this event, please contact Council.
This is a drug and alcohol free event.

Date: Sunday 2nd April 1:00am-4:00pm

Location: Wachter Reserve, Kingsclere Avenue, Keysborough (next to Parkmore Shopping Centre)

Buy and Sell

Second-hand **Textbooks**

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- www.sustainableschoolshop.com.au

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- Peak trading times: Textbooks: Nov-Mar Uniforms: Change of season; end of year and year start
- Listing Wanted and For Sale Ads gets results
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- Be realistic when pricing items
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- Pre-arrange who to transact with if your items are still being used and write the availability date in your Ad
- Respect other browsers and remember to Delist your Ads promptly when no longer needed
- Meet somewhere convenient to transact, don't make special trips and just fit it in to your normal activities