

KILLESTER COLLEGE

newsletter



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23rd June 2017

A Prayer for Solidarity

*God of all creation You have given us
the beautiful land we call Australia.
Rich in ancient culture and tradition,
Rich in landscape, plants and animal
life;
Rich in resources, laws and social
structure,
Offering safety and opportunity.
Teach us to see those who are at our
gates,
To act justly so all may come to the
table.
May we see refugees firstly as people
and work tirelessly to ensure they are
always included
And have the resources to reach their
full potential.
Where people are displaced from their
own lands,
Especially those who seek refuge on
our shores,
May we dare to put ourselves in their
shoes
And welcome them to share in the life
gifted to us. Amen*



Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Friends,

The Music Department produced a wonderful evening of music on Monday night as a celebration of the achievements of girls this semester. Each year, the girls go from strength to strength, which is a testament to the work of the staff in the Music Department, including the Instrumental teachers. What was especially notable this week, was the enjoyment shown between many girls as they performed and the sheer delight for their friends who performed solos. For many years we have known the benefits of music to the overall academic development of students, but little is said about the comradeship and connections it develops. This was certainly evident on Monday, whether it was the girls on stage or those assisting as stage crew, there was a true sense of community and connection. Importantly, I should add all this was supported by some delicious supper prepared by Mr Tucker's VET Hospitality class and served with assistance from the Killester Involvement Committee and the Energy Breakthrough team. Many thanks to Ms Addis and Mr Hickey for leading and coordinating this event and congratulations to all the students involved in the evening.

Whilst the above event was happening, four Year 12 students were working on Joey's Food Van at Dandenong, distributing food.

Some teachers are feeling the bite of hunger this week. As part of Refugee Week, three staff have taken on the challenge to eat the same amount of food refugees in Syrian camps receive. The Justice and Democracy girls organised different events each day to raise awareness of the plight of refugees and have really taken on the task to unpack what it means to 'welcome the stranger', a concept deeply embedded in the Catholic tradition. Well done to all girls and staff for their contributions to Refugee Awareness Week.

Lastly, many thanks to those who bought food and other items for our St VdeP drive. These will be delivered to the Springvale St VdeP branch after the celebration of our school mass today.

Wishing you and your family the best for the coming week.

Leanne Di Stefano
Principal

The Week Ahead

JUNE	
Monday 26th	Yr 10 Scienceworks Excursion Yr 11-12 Semester 2 Commences
Tuesday 27th	Yr 7 Jump Rope for Heart P3-4 Killester Music Soiree 6pm
Wednesday 28th	Yr 9 Indonesian Excursion Yr 9 LSP Glen Harrow Park Excursion Yr 9-11 Dante Alighiere Poetry Competition
Thursday 29th	REPORT COLLECTION 3.00PM - 6.00PM in KD02 School Assembly P4 (Yr 7) Killester Music Tour - Castlemaine (Depart Lunchtime)
Friday 30th	Term 2 Finishes Killester Music Tour - Castlemaine (Return 2 July)
SCHOOL HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS MONDAY TO FRIDAY 8:30AM TO 3:30PM	

Report Collection Year 7 to 12

End of Semester One reports will be available for parents to pick up on Thurs 29th June from 3.00pm to 6.00pm in Room KD02. Reports that are not collected on the day will be mailed to parents during the holidays.

Roger van Langenberg
Family Learning Centre

Poor Persons Mass - St VdeP Drive



The New Website goes live.....



On Wednesday June 14th the new website went live. Our thanks to Fraynetwork for their guidance and efforts in the year long process. The re-branding of Killester has been a combination of the efforts of many and, we hope you agree, an end product that showcases Killester very well. The College now also has an app available. If you go to SHARE on the side toolbar of the website you will see the link to download the app to your smart phone.

Please take some time to navigate your way around the website and enjoy the College Information, Principal's Message and Enrolment Information videos. Thanks to everyone who has been involved in the collaboration of the development of the new Prospectus, Website, stationery and, still to be completed, signage.

On Monday we had the Winter Concert. It was a resounding success and a credit to the music staff, led by Katy Addis and Bernie Hickey. On the night, the Killester Involvement Committee, together with the senior Hospitality students led by Bill Tucker and Lucy Collins, sold the interval food and drinks. This was a fundraiser to the Energy Breakthrough team which will be competing in Maryborough later this year. Thanks also to the four Energy Breakthrough girls and James Blanchfield (teacher of the team), who assisted on the night. We raised an amazing \$588.40 for the team!

Next week is the final week of term and the beginning of Semester 2 for the VCE students. A reminder that next Friday June 30th will finish at the normal time of 3.15pm.

Best wishes
Loreto Cannon
School Organisation and Community Development

The Winter Music Festival



The winter solstice was looming but the dark and cold were forgotten in Kennedy Hall on Monday night when our students were lighting up the hearts of the audience with their musical skills. The crowd were drawn in with a soul warming song in the Noongar language; a musical "Welcome to Country". The jazz band then set the theme of the evening "Killester Swing Swing Swings" with their funky grooves and improvised solos. Emmaline crooned a lovely version of "My Funny Valentine" with honey drenched vocal cords and then our Year 7 and 8 bands rocked the hall with Beyonce and Geronimo. The standard of playing belying the short time they'd been on their instruments. The evening continued with a diverse selection of ensembles, choirs, strings and VCE soloists. Interval brought wonderful smells coming from the canteen, with Mr Tucker's foodie girls providing tasty treats while raising money for the HPV team. The evening culminated with Mrs. Buble herself, Sarah, singing "Feeling Good" and Benny Goodman doppelganger Christine, wailing out Golden Wedding. Smiles abounded on stage and in the audience, as music did what it's best at, bringing people together to celebrate the very finest aspects of humanity.

Ms Katy Addis and Mr Bernie Hickey, Music Learning Leaders



Refugee Week

SCENE - At a Justice and Democracy meeting, planning for Refugee Week:

MS EDWARDS: We've got the banner, the Scared Straight campaign and the quiz. What else can we do during the week?

YR 12 STUDENT: Are there any staff doing the Ration Challenge?

ANOTHER STUDENT: What's the Ration Challenge?

YEAR 12 STUDENT: It's where some of the staff will eat what a Syrian refugee would eat. They get 1.5kg of food like rice and lentils and they have to make it last for a week.

MS HACKETT: Well we've decided against it. It's very hard and staff have just finished reports...

YEAR 12 STUDENT: But that's the point. It's meant to be hard! People need to know what it's like to have hardly anything to eat. My family were starving once and you live each day wondering if you were going to get anything to eat, cause there was nothing. This Ration Challenge is easy because you know that it's going to end!

Pause

MS HACKETT: ... OK. We'll do it.

19th – 23rd June is Refugee Week at Killester. Show your support for staff participating in the Staff Ration Challenge by donating to the Bridigine Asylum Seeker Project (BASP). Donations can be made via the school finance office or via the BASP website: www.basp.org.au



STAFF RATION CHALLENGE

**DURING REFUGEE WEEK
STAFF VOLUNTEERS WILL EAT THE SAME RATIONS
AS A SYRIAN REFUGEE IN JORDAN**

 RICE 1920g	 FLOUR 400g	 LENTILS 170g	 DRIED CHICK PEAS 85g
 TINNED SARDINES 125g	 TINNED KIDNEY BEANS 400g	 VEGETABLE OIL 300ml	

**SHOW YOUR SUPPORT!
DONATE TO THE BRIGIDINE ASYLUM SEEKER PROJECT**



**HOW? - DONATIONS CAN BE MADE VIA THE SCHOOL
FINANCE OFFICE OR DIRECTLY VIA THE BASP WEBSITE:
WWW.BASP.ORG.AU**

VCAL Guest Speaker: Daisy Tucker

Our current Intermediate VCAL topic is MULTICULTURALISM. On Tuesday the 20/6/2017 Daisy Tucker showed the VCAL students a PowerPoint and spoke about her life in the Philippines. It was an opportunity for the students to learn about another culture and to ask many questions. We thank Daisy Tucker for sharing her story with us.



Mrs Wilman and the VCAL students

Teaching and Learning Team A Update

As a part of the new leadership structure in 2017, the Learning Area Leaders have been divided up into two teams. One team (Team A) has a focus on Teaching and Learning at Years 7 – 9 and the other team (Team B) has a focus on Teaching and Learning at Years 10 – 12.

The Learning Area Leaders in Team A have a special interest in and passion for curriculum development in Years 7 – 9. Our team consists of Ms Zoe Long (Mathematics), Ms Louise Harnes (English), Ms Kate Fox (Humanities), Mrs Lily De Bari (LOTE), Ms Jessica Hackett (Performing Arts), Mr Vi Lam (Digital Technology), Ms Eva Kordupel (Technology) and Ms Faye Jamieson (Library). These leaders read widely and think deeply about ways to improve teaching and learning in their subject areas. They also meet with and support the staff that teach their subject in Years 7 – 9.

The Learning Area Leaders Team A has met fortnightly this semester. These meetings are a great opportunity for the leaders to listen to and support each other in their roles and also to research and investigate Teaching and Learning Theory together.

Our focus as a team this semester has been on investigating the links between cognitive science and education. The skills of automatic recall and the storage of important and relevant knowledge in long term memory are still vital components of modern education, and need to be emphasised and practised in the face of the increasing power and impact of Google and the internet.

Daniel Willingham, a cognitive scientist, has written an accessible and interesting article on this concept at <https://www.nytimes.com/2017/05/19/opinion/sunday/you-still-need-your-brain.html>

Parents can support their daughters' development in this vital area by encouraging them to read often (and sometimes aloud!) and to practice their mental maths skills daily.

Therese Black
Curriculum Leader Years 7 – 9



Semester One Homeroom Reports

Homeroom Teachers at all year levels are busily writing the Homeroom Report for your daughter. This report reflects the progress of your daughter in the a number of key areas that play an important role in the pastoral and learning aspects of her education. Pastoral and learning goals were developed by each student and were discussed with parents at the Parent information Sessions held at the start of the year. Each student has reflected on their semester goals and Homeroom Teachers have assisted them to develop strategies to achieve their goals.

Another feature of the Homeroom Report is an assessment on a range of key indicators relating to your daughter's progress in areas such as:

Contributes positively to Homeroom environment

For example:

Responds positively to instructions.

Is supportive, motivated and engaged in Homeroom Pastoral Care lessons.

Is prepared to start each day

For example:

Ready to start the day at morning assembly

Has all the necessary books and equipment

Carries out Homeroom duties

For example:

With enthusiasm and voluntarily

Eager to maintain and care for the learning environment

Interacts positively with peers

For example:

Offers support and friendship to classmates

Includes others

Welcoming to classmates who may not be a part of her friendship group

Participates in college life

For example:

Actively participates in whole school events such as House swimming and athletics, Personal Development Days.

Your daughter's Homeroom Teacher will assess the above indicators as High (H) Medium (M) or Low (L) and make recommendations for improvement if needed.

The Homeroom Report will also include a list of the extra-curricular activities your daughter has participated in this semester. Participation in these activities assists in the development of personal and social skills. We encourage all students to take full advantages of the opportunities offered to them in an extensive range of extra-curricular activities in the areas of sport, the arts, celebrations and community service.

Finally the Homeroom Report will also include a record of Semester 1 attendance, outlining total full days absent, part days absent and days late to school.

Students develop good habits by attending school every day. These habits are necessary to succeed academically and socially. I encourage all parents to discuss all aspects of their daughter's Homeroom Report and subject reports with their daughter paying particular attention to their achievements and the recommendations made by her teachers.

Semester One reports are available for collection on 29th June 3pm-6pm in room KD02. Reports that are not collected on the day will be mailed during the holidays.

You are most welcome to contact Homeroom and subject teachers if you would like to discuss your daughter's progress.

Luana Doko, Wellbeing Coordinator and Leadership Team

Open Now Year 7 2019

Enrolments

closes Friday 25th August, 2017

Educating today's young women for tomorrow



Family Learning Centre

Conversation English Classes at Killester

On Mondays

- Conversational English Classes will be held on Mondays from 9.30 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 run each Monday till end of term
- Please bring a pen and an exercise book or note pad.
- Morning tea will be provided.
- Classes are free. There is no cost to participants
- All parents and families of Killester and wider community are welcome to join these classes.



SENIOR MATHS CLUB

Every Thursday Lunch
In BRO4 for all
Yr 10, 11, 12

The Killester Involvement Committee in conjunction with
The Multicultural Affairs Division of the Victorian Government
proudly presents the

Killester College Multicultural Dinner

Saturday 16th September 2017 at 7.00pm

Dinner will be a smorgasbord of main courses and
desserts from at least ten different cultures

Entertainment by the Killester Students

Dress: Neat casual or Cultural Dress

B.Y.O. Alcohol, drinks and glasses

\$20 per person - Limited to 120 people

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- Good 40%

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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



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**Story Camp 2017–2018
State Library Victoria**

About Story Camp and eligibility

Story Camp is a **free** program for students attending secondary schools which have a value below 1000 on the Index of Community Socio-Educational Advantage (ICSEA), bringing disadvantaged areas of outer metropolitan Melbourne and its surrounds into State Library Victoria for workshops that demonstrate the breadth of ways to connect with story. Students will work with professional creatives on prose, illustrative and performative storytelling formats, thereby developing their own narrative skills. During lunch, guest speakers will talk about their creative careers and share their knowledge. In addition to experiencing the Library, students will take away a suite of creative tools and a network of peers and professionals. Eligible students must be aged between 12 and 15 years to attend.

Transportation

Upon request via our booking form, the Centre for Youth Literature can provide MYKI cards with \$25 of preloaded credit to allow students to travel independently to and from the Library. There will be no charge for these MYKIs.

Capacity

Student numbers for each day of Story Camp will be capped at 90. Please note that due to upcoming construction works at the Library, some Camp numbers may be capped at 75.

Food

Lunch will be provided. The Library must be advised of any dietary requirements and other relevant considerations in advance via its booking form.

Dates*

Story Camp 1 Date: 4–6 July 2017 Time: 10am–2.00pm	Story Camp 4 Date: 23–25 January 2018 Time: 10am–2.00pm
Story Camp 2 Date: 26–28 September 2017 Time: 10am–2.00pm	Story Camp 5 Date: 10–12 April 2018 Time: 10am–2.00pm
Story Camp 3 Date: 10–12 January 2018 Time: 10am–2.00pm	Story Camp 6 Date: 3–5 July 2018 Time: 10am–2.00pm

*** Please note that we are currently only accepting registrations for July and September 2017. The Library will provide an update confirming the latter dates for registration.**

Camp structure

The students will be split into three equal sized groups to work through a variety of concurrent workshops. Each workshop will take place for 60 minutes with groups then rotating to the next session.

Example of a Story Camp day:

10am	Prose – Group 1	Zines – Group 2	Performance – Group 3
11am	Prose – Group 3	Zines – Group 1	Performance – Group 2
12pm	Prose – Group 2	Zines – Group 3	Performance – Group 1
1pm	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
2pm	Finish		

Bookings: Bookings can be made here: <https://www.slv.vic.gov.au/live-learn/literacy-initiatives/story-camp>

Please note: While the Library has a reasonable duty of care for Story Camp participants once they are signed in and onsite at the Library, **travel to and from the Library premises is at participant's own risk and responsibility.**

Questions? If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Centre for Youth Literature, State Library Victoria. e. youthlit@slv.vic.gov.au t. 03 8664 7014.



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KILLESTER COLLEGE TENNIS COACHING

PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS – 2017 – Term 3

Third Term coaching lessons for 2017 will commence on Tuesday 18th July and will end on Friday, 22 September. 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 nine week term will be **\$90.00** 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 28 July so that groups and times can be arranged according to available time slots.

REPLY SLIP

NAME _____ CLASS _____

TELEPHONE NO. _____ ROOM NO. _____

EXPERIENCE: Beginner Intermediate Advanced
(Please circle one answer)

PREFERRED DAY, IF AVAILABLE: